

Chile Missionaries Optimistic On Future

RICHMOND (BP) — A Southern Baptist missionary to Chile expressed optimism here about the future of Chile and mission work in that country following the recent military takeover.

John McTyre, an evangelist and pastor of Santiago, Chile's capital, and his family felt they were in no immediate danger during the takeover, but they could hear "the ringing of bullets" and the sounds of guns firing near their home.

"My first night in Richmond was the first night since June 29 that I spent without hearing dynamite and gunshots," McTyre said in an interview at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here during a visit planned before the military takeover.

Some Chilean Baptists have been wounded and some are dead, reported McTyre, one of 49 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Chile. "We know of no Baptist people who were killed as a result of the political situation directly."

Instead, they were killed accidentally with stray bullets because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

Mass arrests have taken place and have included Baptists, McTyre reported.

The president of the Baptist youth organization in Chile was included in a mass arrest along with several "leftist extremists" because he lived in an area where these people lived.

On the day of McTyre's departure from Chile, word came that the young Baptist was being released from an

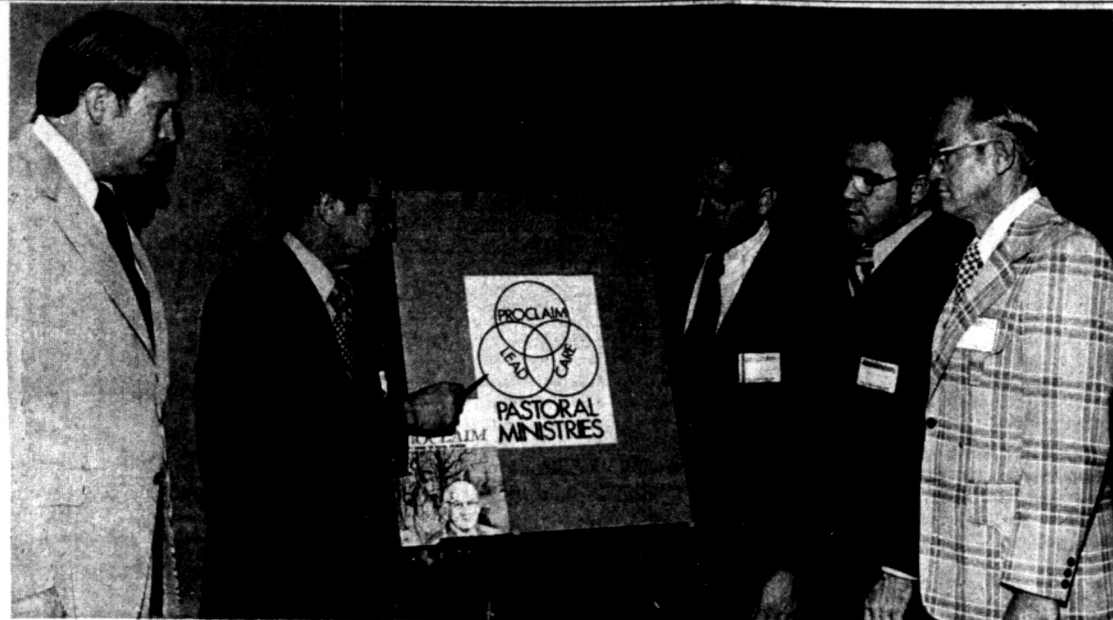
island where he had been taken.

At least two members of the church where McTyre serves as pastor are missing. "They may be in prison or they may not be alive," he said.

The curfew has had a direct effect on churches. "Our Sunday evening church services start at 8 P.M., also the time of the curfew. Therefore, we have not been able to conduct them," he said.

Asked about reasons for the coup, McTyre replied, "The military has stated that their action was a patriotic move to restore law and order and to bring back productivity and put the country on the move."

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MISSISSIPPIANS ATTEND PREACHING SEMINAR IN NASHVILLE

Four Mississippi pastors were among 42 participants attending the first "Improving Your Preaching" seminar held recently in the Church Program Training Center at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville. James Barry (second from left), consultant in the board's church administration department discusses aspects of pastoral ministries. Shown here are

(left to right) Harold T. Bryson, pastor of First Church, Carthage, who also presented several facets of the seminar program; Barry; Kenneth E. Walters, pastor of Walnut Grove Church; Ken Anderson, pastor of De Kalb Church; and C. R. Nichols, pastor of East Side Church, Magee.

New Missionary Requests Are Reviewed By Foreign Board

By Jessie C. Fletcher

RICHMOND (BP) — A growing need for overseas workers was evident as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's administrative staff completed its annual review of new missionary requests.

Despite the promise of over 200 new missionary appointments during 1973, the personnel secretaries, looking to 1974, were faced with calls for approximately 900 missionary additions to the board's overseas force of just over 2,500 missionaries assigned to 77 countries.

Several fields are in critical need of reinforcements, according to Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for the department of missionary personnel.

"We are convinced God is calling men and women to join hard pressed missionaries in these areas," Cobbs said. "If we can communicate the needs, perhaps this call can become clear."

Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, pointed out that a major need exists for replacements as

well as for capitalizing on unprecedented opportunities to begin new work and to continue advance in established work. Over 150 missionaries have to be replaced each year due to rotation of short-term personnel, resignations, deaths and retirements.

General evangelism headed the "type of work" request list. Cobbs explained this is perennially true because evangelism and church development are at the heart of Southern Baptists' overseas strategy.

Despite the priority given to requests for general evangelists in the past, Cobbs indicated that Taiwan, Vietnam, the Philippines, Colombia, Peru, and Uruguay have not been reinforced in this category in over two years.

Forty-one missions filed requests for general evangelists. Language study is imperative for missionaries meeting these needs, Cobbs stressed.

Other requests included calls for a total of 14 pastors for international English-language churches. Cobbs expressed hope that these vacancies

will be filled quickly.

"Some of the congregations include overseas Americans, others English-speaking internationals and others a combination," Cobbs explained.

Requests for religious education workers, music workers, women's workers and theological teachers were processed for missions in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Ministries for university students constituted the largest single "type of work" request after general evangelism, according to Cobbs. He noted that the growth of this work overseas has been rapid, but response to student worker requests has lagged noticeably.

McTyre, who also serves as treasurer of the Chilean mission, questioned news reports of indiscriminate executions by the new government.

He said those who have been killed or executed were alleged to be guilty of "illegal acts" such as sabotage, distribution of arms, attacks on police and military authorities and similar

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BSSB Committee Blazes New Trail

By Gomer R. Lesh

There seems to be a policy, procedure or bylaw to cover every circumstance at the Sunday School Board.

Except one — the selection of a new chief executive for the agency.

When James L. Sullivan began making preliminary plans for his mandatory retirement at age 65, he knew for sure only one thing about the selection of his successor—that the Board trustees would do the selecting. Nowhere is it written what the procedure is to be.

"They could do it by drawing names out of a hat or by sticking a pin into a page of the SBC Annual if they wanted to," says Sullivan.

Although these methods are close enough to the scriptural plan of casting lots, nothing so frivolous was favored by the trustees.

At the semiannual meeting in February of 1973, trustee chairman Scott Tatum of Louisiana appointed a committee on policies and procedures headed by John Jeffers of Alabama, asking for a report at the following meeting, in July.

Jeffers' committee suggested a five-man nominating committee plus two ex officio members who would seek a nominee whose name is to be presented as the trustees meet in February 1974. The candidate, if approved, would begin work as soon thereafter as possible, serving along with Sullivan until his retirement in February 1975.

The policies and procedures committee of its report stated that the document provided "some additional tools which may be used in the choosing process — means by which the will of our Lord may be more accurately discerned and followed."

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SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Rise To Record Total

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's unified Cooperative Program budget ended the 1972-73 fiscal year \$745,050 above operating and capital needs, pushing receipts from SBC churches to the highest total in convention history.

Gifts in September totaled \$2,929,817 (19.59 per cent above the same month last year) to increase the 12-month Cooperative Program total to \$33,832,932.

That figure represents an 8.48 per cent increase over last year, the highest percentage of increase from one year to the next in a decade, according to John H. Williams, finance planning director and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

"We are grateful to God that the \$745,050 will help meet some of the erosion of inflation suffered by SBC agencies during the year," said Por-

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Columbia Church Group Gets State Musical Premiere

Jim Breeden of Word, Inc. has announced that Billy Jack Green and the People of the Way of Columbia have been chosen to premiere Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser's newest musical "I'm Here — God's Here, Now We Can Start" for the state of Mississippi.

Mr. Green and Youth Director Walter Wilson of First Baptist Church will be the guests of Word Records and Lexicon Music Company at Samford University in Birmingham to confer with the composers as to the local premiere.

This high school chorus of over 100 youth of the First Baptist Church, who have traveled 20,000 miles in the last three years, is led by Rob Blount, Joe Morris, John Harvey, and Dottie Moore, the new officers.

The production will be presented on December 7 for the state-wide audience and December 9 for the local congregation. Mr. Green urges church musicians to bring their choirs to the premiere performance where music, records, and tapes of the production will be available.

Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor, signifies this as a unique privilege for Columbia, Marion County Baptists, and First Baptist Church.

The work of Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser is renowned throughout the sacred and secular music field.

Mr. Carmichael has been associated with the King Family, Billy Graham films, and now with Oral Roberts' specials as music director.

Ralph has discovered Andrae Crouch, Randy Matthew, Bobby Hammack and over thirty other Jesus music artists who are top names in gospel recording and concerts.

He has written "He's Everything to Me," "The Restless Ones," "I Looked for Love," plus hundreds of gospel songs.

Mr. Kaiser on the other hand is music director for Word, Inc., the largest gospel music recording studio and printer in the world.

In 18 years this company has consolidated with over 20 companies in the recording and publishing business, housing their main office in Waco, Texas.

The team of Kaiser and Carmichael combined previously to produce "Tell It Like It Is" and "Natural High."

toral process and to justify lying, illegal spying and criminal lawlessness on the part of high ranking members of the administration and federal government agencies in the name of national security.

"Dangerous assaults have been made on constitutional liberties, often by those who, at the same time they eschew constitutional liberties, mouth 'law and order' for the citizenry at large," Wood charged.

In a motion asking the committee to express the need for high moral and ethical values at every level of our national life, Theodore Adams noted that the public affairs committee could not meet in the nation's capital without speaking to this matter. Adams, a past president of the Baptist World Alliance, is pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and a current visiting professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

The statement endorsed by the committee mentioned the "widespread distrust of government resulting from

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Baptists Plan Observance Of Nation's Bicentennial

WASHINGTON (BP) — Baptists of the United States will jointly observe the nation's bi-centennial in 1976 by a national conference here, according to recommendations approved by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in its semi-annual meeting.

At the request of the North American Baptist Fellowship, the Baptist Joint Committee in its meeting last March accepted the responsibility for sponsoring an observance of the bi-centennial in which all Baptist groups would be invited to participate.

An ad hoc committee was appointed by the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee for consultation to plan for the Baptist observance of the bi-centennial.

The three recommendations of the ad hoc committee approved by the Baptist Joint Committee are:

1. That a national conference be held in Washington, D. C., January 12-15, 1976, at the Shoreham Hotel;

2. That several regional conferences, possibly on seminary or college campuses, be planned for 1975 looking toward the national conference in 1976; and

3. That each of the Baptist fellowships in the nation be encouraged to engage in its own participation in the bicentennial in accordance with its own denominational program planning.

Although the national conference in 1976 is sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee, it will be broader in scope

and in attendance than the regular religious liberty conferences of the past, according to James E. Wood Jr., the Baptist Joint Committee's executive director.

Wood proposed two guidelines: (1) The Baptist observance of the nation's bicentennial should be independent of the official civil observance, and (2) The Baptist observance should be both appreciative of the nation's history and critical (or prophetic) concerning the nation's life.

The ad hoc committee will continue

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Church Library Organization To Convene Nov. 2-3

Miss Florida Waite, longtime beloved and much sought after church library worker, will highlight the program of the second annual workshop of the Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization in Jackson Nov. 2 and 3. The meeting will be held at Broadmoor Baptist Church.

Miss Waite will speak at the banquet, set for Friday, Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Sheraton Motor Inn.

Secretary of the church library department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1943 to 1957, Miss Waite began work for the board in 1934, later serving as an associate editor of Sunday School publications for young people and adults. She had earlier been minister of education at First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., and a teacher in the high school there.

An approved library worker, Miss Waite promotes the establishment and expansion of church libraries in Southern Baptist churches, and is active in the work of her own church library in Pensacola.

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Baptist Group Sets Plans To Collect Oral Memoirs

By Robert O'Brien

CHAPEL HILL, Tenn. (BP) — Conferees from 26 Southern Baptist state conventions and 14 Southern Baptist Convention organizations laid ground work here for launching an SBC-wide oral history program for historical and contemporary use.

The three-day workshop, sponsored by the SBC Historical Commission, represents the first convention-wide effort to investigate the merits of oral history gathering — a relatively recent technique of filling in gaps in written records.

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psychiatrist, Dr. Wilson, said in his testimony that a girl he had been treating for severe depression was "healed" when she accepted Christ at the Crusade.

Another youthful element came from Fort Bragg. Soldiers came from the installation nightly and one day over 80 of them rode bicycles on the 50-mile trip.

Graham's messages were oriented toward the young people in his congregations. Using the Old Testament account of David and Goliath he spoke one night about the "giants" faced by today's youth. Another night he said "no" was the hardest word for youth to say and then he mentioned Biblical leaders who changed the course of history by saying "no" in their youth. He addressed the currently popular subject of Satanism and the occult at one service and problems of the home and the family at another.

Unlike many recent Crusades, this one was not televised.

The services were widely reported in area newspapers and through other communications media. Articles were often featured on page one of the papers.

Weather was clear for the first seven meetings. Drizzling rain fell on the opening minutes of the final one, but it stopped when Graham began his sermon on the second coming of Christ.

In brief remarks one night North Carolina Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. called Graham a "favorite son" who has touched more lives around the world than any other. He declared that the Crusade would not end, but would be beginning when the stadium lights were turned off after the final meeting.

BYW Retreat Set Oct.

19-20 At Garaywa

"Lord, Speak Through Me" will be the theme for the weekend retreat for Baptist Young Women, October 19-20, at Camp Garaywa.

This special event will offer fellowship, Bible study, and missions emphases for young women in Mississippi.



The program will begin with a Missions Supper Theater at 6:30 on Friday evening followed by a Bible study period led by Dr. Don Stewart of William Carey College. A visual presentation of home missions by Rev. Robert Wall of Mississippi College will conclude the Friday evening session.

Saturday morning will provide special mission action workshops to study mission action projects and discuss needs of particular communities. Mrs. Art Compere, missionary to Nigeria, will also be present for both morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday to share foreign missions information and needs with the group.

Music for the entire weekend will be provided by Miss Kathy Richey of the Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Registration for the weekend is \$6.50 (which includes meals and insurance) and should be sent to Frances Shaw, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

A man cannot go anywhere while he's straddling the fence.



John McTyre, missionary to Chile, reads a copy of "El Mercurio," one of Chile's leading newspapers. The edition is the first printed following the recent military takeover. Headlines read, "Military Junta Controls the Country," and "Allende Died." McTyre gave an optimistic report about the future of Baptist work in the South American country.—(BP photo by Sandy King)

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forms of resistance. Commenting on the future of the country under the new government, McTyre said, "The outlook for Chile is optimistic."

The Junta has stated they will present a new constitution and the people will be able to decide on a new government. However, no date has been set for either of these actions, he noted.

Responding to questions on church life under the government of former President Allende, McTyre said, "Allende did not persecute the churches or religion. He openly stated he was not opposed to them."

However, everyone knew he was a Marxist and did not believe in God."

Although churches experienced no direct interference during the Allende regime, subtle economic pressures were brought to bear, primarily including taxation on equipment or the prevention or slow down of importation of equipment for use in church-related organizations.

When asked about the future of mission work in Chile, McTyre responded,

Bagley Named To Alabama Ethics Post

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP) — George E. Bagley, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention, has become the first appointee to the State of Alabama's newly-created Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission was created as a result of a tough new ethics bill passed this year by the Alabama legislature. Commission members will be called on to interpret the new ethics law, some provisions of which are already under fire.

A controversy already wages over a section of the law requiring press personnel to make financial disclosures and obtain a special pass from the commission to attend state government meetings. The provision has been challenged in Federal Court as unconstitutional.

Education has produced a vast population able to read, but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.

The bigger a man gets, the easier it is to fill his shoes.

ed, "Last July, due to recommendations from Chilean Baptist churches and based on what we knew about the situation, we felt led to tell missionaries on the way to Chile to look for other fields."

But now we urge and plead with missionaries to come to Chile and also urge the Foreign Mission Board to look for other personnel to come our way."

Meridian Pastor Gives \$3600 To Carey For Special Library

By Marjorie Rowden

"You can always tell what kind of preacher a man is by his library," commented Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor of the Calvary Church in Meridian, recently as he spoke with William Carey College officials in his own well-stocked and well-organized library.

The occasion was the presentation by Mr. Seal of a personal check for \$3600 to William Carey College for the providing of a special library on the Hattiesburg campus to be used by ministerial students in sermon preparation. "Eventually, I hope to provide a total of \$10,000 of my own money—earned from sources outside my pastoral salary—for this project," added the minister. In addition, he is presenting to the special ministerial student library his own collection of outstanding religious volumes containing works by numerous great preachers. Among these are copies of the Harvard Classics, Christmas Evans', Robert Hall's and John Wesley's original leather-bound volumes, books of sermons by Spurgeon, McLaurin, Parker, R. G. Lee, W. A. Criswell, Herschel Ford, Clovis Chappell, T. Dewitt Talmadge, etc. Also included in the Seal gifts are numerous tapes of sermons preached in Calvary Church by such outstanding preachers as Drs. T. L. Holcomb, Vance Haver, Marshall Craig, C. B. Howard, Angel Martinez, Hyman Appelmann, E. J. Daniels, Evangelists Homer Martin, Mike Gilchrist, Eddie Martin and a number of tapes of his own personal messages.

A vivacious man, dedicated to his work, Mr. Seal not only pastors a

1st Single Parent Retreat Held

Ninety-one registered for the first Single Parent Retreat sponsored by the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, held at the Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson September 28-29.

They came from 45 different congregations and 8 denominations, including Baptists, with 28 churches outside of Jackson area represented and one group from Carrollton, Alabama.

Dr. Pat Clendinning, Atlanta, Georgia, led a conference in the first session on the commonality of grief, describing the processes of grief and the steps the widowed or divorced go through in working through the trauma of separation. Later he led the group through a discussion of other emotional problems the single parent must cope with and to a final period of developing depth friendships.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the commission, directed a conference on "A Christian Perspective on Coping With Attitudes of Church Members Toward Divorced Persons." He pointed to typical attitudes of some church members such as gossip, tolerance, suspicion, envy, "believing divorce is the unpardonable sin," to that of acceptance and warmth in a Christian fellowship of the church composed of redeemed sinners. He stated, "Nowhere does the Bible approve divorce, but people do fail in marriage as people fail in other areas. Marriage failure is not unpardonable and divorced persons must be treated with Christian love and acceptance as persons if we are to follow the teachings of Jesus."

Considerable sharing was given to what some churches are doing to minister to the one parent families, such

as Sunday school classes and departments, Sunday night fellowships, week-night Bible classes, single adult group activities and projects and crisis telephone counseling and intervention. The keys to enlistment of this group were listed as simple organization, quality leadership, informal approach and freedom in choice of curriculum material.

Many of the parents expressed concern over a ministry to the needs of their children and one session was

given to this subject.

Plans are being made for three retreats in 1974 in different sections of the state, according to Dr. Hensley.

Dr. Hensley, who has recently released a book entitled "Help For Single Parents and Those Who Love Them" also urged participation, where feasible, with community groups such as Parents Without Partners, which has several chapters over the state.



Several of those present at the Single Parents Retreat were, from left: Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of Commission; Dr. Pat Clendinning, Atlanta, principal resource person; Mrs. Rosemary Wade, Tupelo; Mrs. Sara Evans, Jackson; Mrs. Mary Ann Bosarge, Moss Point; Mrs. Jack Payne, Jackson; Dr. Charles E. Myers, pastor of host Alta Woods Church.

Meridian, a post he has held since 1957, he was pastor of First Church, Itta Bena, for six years. He also served earlier as educational minister to First Church, Piquette, and First Church, Columbus. During the past 16 years at Calvary, Meridian, he has had 1400 additions to the church. He has served on numerous Mississippi Baptist Convention board, conducted over 100 revivals in eleven different states, written for Southern Baptist journals and authored two books.

"I have to fight continuously for study time," admitted the busy pastor. "That is why I think a well-organized library, filled with inspiring sermon material from some of the greatest spiritual giants of our day—



William Carey College vice-president for development, Dr. Hugh Dickens, right, accepts a check for \$3600 from Rev. W. Otis Seal, pastor of Calvary Church, Meridian. A personal gift, eventually to total \$10,000, the money is for the endowment of a special library on the Hattiesburg campus for the preparation of sermon material for ministerial students. Mr. Seal has also pledged his entire personal library, including valuable tapes by great preachers, to the William Carey College library.

and days gone past—can be of tremendous value to young ministers."

Mr. Seal's library has a unique cataloging system built around the marginal references personally accumulated by the pastor in a large reference Bible. "I can find a revelation source of material on any Bible reference in a matter of minutes with this system," commented Mr. Seal. Ultimately William Carey College will receive the pastor's entire library including the rare and valuable reference Bible.

Mr. Seal has an interesting connection with William Carey College through his wife, the former Jacqueline Edwards, who graduated from the institution was named Mississippi Woman's College. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Pearl Edwards, also graduated from Mississippi Woman's College and was in the very first commencement ceremony. Later Mr. Edwards became matron of women and dietician and her two daughters, Mrs. Anne Mae Edward Williams Hope, Arkansas and Mrs. Jacqueline Edwards Seal, both are graduates of the college and Mr. Seal's daughter and son-in-law, Byron and Ann Seemullen, both attended William Carey College. McMullen is currently pastor of Bethany Church in Prentiss. The Seals also have a son, Dr. Aton Otis Seal, who is a veterinarian in Meridian.

"We are grateful and honored that our good friend, Rev. W. Otis Seal, is providing us with this unusual collection of sermon material. It will be of immeasurable value to young ministerial students down through the years as they prepare to serve the Lord," commented Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college.

Names In The News



Rev. John Budlong, pastor of Mullins Station Church, and official guest lecturer for the Shelby County Baptist Association (left), is shown with Dr. James L. Travis, head of the Department of Bible at Blue Mountain College and advisor for the Ministerial Alliance of the college. They met for a brief conference just after Mr. Budlong had delivered a lecture to members of the M.A. and special Bible students taught by Dr. Travis.

Ralph Henson has begun his duties as minister of youth at Petal-Harvey Church, Petal. A graduate of Clarke College, he is a junior at William Carey College. He was formerly minister of music at York Church, York, Ala. Rev. Jerry Henderson is the Petal-Harvey pastor.

Bethel (Chickasaw) had eleven to receive perfect attendance pins in Sunday School for the year ending September 30, 1973. Those above five years were: Jake Kendall, five-year pin; Leisa Kendall, six-year pin; Donna Kendall, six-year pin; James Dendy, six-year pin; George East, eight-year pin; David East, nine-year pin; Kelley East, ten-year pin; and Margaret East, eleven-year pin. Hulon McQuary is Sunday School director. Rev. John G. Atkins is pastor.

Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III, Chaplain of Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg, has accepted the interim pastorate of Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville. This was Dr. Hamlet's first pastorate. He left Juniper Grove in February, 1940.

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Doyle, Jr., missionaries to Brazil on furlough, can be addressed at 1701 Leo Lynn, Tyler, Tex. 75701. He was born in Clinton, Miss.

David Gomes, pastor of the Hope Baptist Church in Rio, Brazil, and director of Brazil's Bible School of the Air, is preaching in Africa October 9-31. He said, "Portuguese Africa speaks Portuguese, but not very much like ours in Brazil. The churches are very small—the first one I am to preach in has around 20 members and the second one even less."



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moak (right) of Jackson, decided to see for themselves where the work of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission originates. On a recent trip to Fort Worth, Texas, they toured the Commission as guests of Dr. Paul M. Stevens (second from left), its president. With them is Eldon K. Sparrow (left), campaign director of Jackson's recent SECOND STEP campaign for the Radio-TV Commission. Mr. Moak, president of Moak Pontiac in Jackson, was Advance Gifts Chairman for the effort.—Radio-TV Commission Photo

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, missionaries to the Niger Republic, are scheduled to complete language study in Tours, France, early in October and move to the field (address: B. P. 110, Maradi, Niger Republic). Mrs. Williams is the former Ruby Williamson of Columbia, Miss.

New Elbethel Church, Lafayette County, ordained Charles Keel to the gospel ministry on September 23. A large gathering of people met at 2:30 p.m. to hear the ordination sermon preached by the New Elbethel pastor, Rev. Edward Peoples. Rev. Ben Scarborough delivered the charge to the new preacher, and Rev. Jerry Patterson led the charge to the church. Rev. Abbie Thibodeaux presented a Bible to Mr. Keel, as a gift from the church. Others on program were Rev. James Pettit, Travis Patterson, Rev. Lloyd Metts, and Mrs. Geneva Sharp. The scripture read by Mr. Pettit was 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

Miss Juanita Johnston, missionary to Thailand, has returned to the States (address: 2000 S. Gimon Ct., Mobile, Ala. 36605) due to the illness of her father. Born in Mobile, she also lived in Yazoo City, Miss.

J. E. Posey, Sr., father of Rev. J. Earl Posey Jr., missionary to the Philippines, died Sept. 10. Rev. Posey (address: Box 7, Baguio, Philippines, B-202) is an Alabamian. His wife, the former Mamie Lou Eubanks, was born in Lucedale, Miss.

William Carey College alumni were represented by eight former graduates in the 1973 listing of "Outstanding Young Men of America." They are S. A. Adkins, pastor of Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale; Nathan Barber, pastor of Calvary Church, Oak Grove; Dr. William Osborne, California; Paul Jones, editorial director, Sunday School Board; Randy Read, graduate student at USM and staff member at Carey; Steve Kogos, New Orleans business man; and James B. Roberts, Methodist minister of Gulfport; and David Perry, Baptist pastor of Biloxi.

William Carey College music student Becky Ware, of Mobile, Ala., was presented in her senior recital at 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 9, in Thomas Hall Auditorium.

Mrs. Lu Harding, director of the personnel department of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, has been named chairman of the United Givers' Fund Drive at the hospital this year. She said the hospital employees gave \$13,500 last year and will be asked to consider \$14,500 as this year's goal. The hospital has 1100 employees.

The Convention President Speaks

In the next few weeks, most of the associations of this state will be in session, as was announced in the BAPTIST RECORD an issue or two ago. In my opinion, the annual association do not meet the same need they did when they were organized many years ago, but that does not say they are not of use today.

There is definitely fellowship there. This is one of those rare occasions when the pastors and laity, along with other staff members, get together. In fact, it is about the only time some lay people ever see some other church staff members to know them.

The association is used to get reports. In a very real sense, it is here we evaluate what we have done, and to a degree, determine our success and-or failure. Personally, I get inspiration at these meetings. I like to hear my fellow preachers preach. It is of help to me. When the annual associational sermon is delivered, it is worship and I never worship without being blessed.

Then there is the challenge to do better. As we review our past and listen to our reports and messages, God moves among us and encourages us to a new dedication for the cause.

Put all this together, and we have blessings awaiting us when we attend our annual associational meetings. As your president, I am speaking in seven of them and I look forward to fellowshiping with you, my good friends over the state. — David Grant.

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Christian education headed a series of needs including school administrators, elementary and college teacher. Asia, Africa and Middle America fields filed such requests.

Shortages of physicians, dentists and nurses continue, according to Franklin T. Fowler, the board's medical consultant. Other requests in the medical field included hospital administrators, medical technologists and technicians and chaplains.

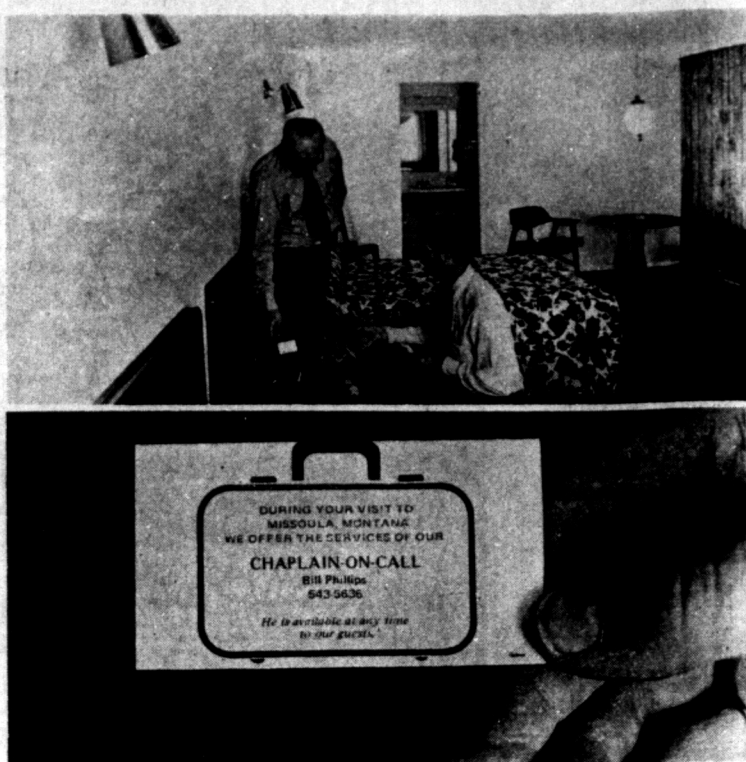
Calls for specialists in a variety of technical fields were prevalent in the lists compiled from the seven administrative areas. Cobbs pointed to agriculture, radio and television and business as areas of special need.

Cobbs and Crawley both indicated that the Foreign Mission Board's strategy puts priority on new missionary personnel. Financial pressures resulting from dollar devaluation and inflation are requested in decreased operation and capital budgets rather than holding back on funds to send new missionaries.

"But we must keep before Southern Baptists the problems created for mission programs when adequate operating and capital funds fail to arrive," Crawley said.

Summarizing the findings of the group, Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, said, "The obvious implication is that we must call Southern Baptists with new intensity to give both life and substance to the task. Opportunities must be matched by lives and lives must be matched by dollars."

AJLOUN, Jordan — Ajloun Baptist Girls School (ABGS) here began the 1973-74 school year with a record enrollment of 258 students. School officials attribute the enrollment rise partly because of curriculum expansion. While the school was coed, boys were forced to transfer after completing the fourth grade because the Jordanian government restricted co-education beyond that grade. Now as an all-girls school, officials anticipate higher enrollments because more girls can be enrolled in the elementary grades and remain until they are graduated.



Southern Baptists In The Northwest

Motel Chaplain-On-Call

MISSOULA, Mont.—Rev. Bill Phillips, pastor of Trinity (Southern) Baptist church in Missoula, Mont., was so impressed with the "chaplain-on-call" idea of Holiday Inns while on an out-of-town trip that when he returned home he offered his services to the local Holiday Inn manager. Within months he was chaplain-on-call for 14 motels in the Missoula area. Motels who use his free service range from inexpensive to those charging up to \$30 a night, and his ministry covers about two-thirds of his city's motels. Above, Mr. Phillips (kneeling) watches as one of his calling cards (below) is placed on a bedside table by motel owner Lorin Clark. In addition to the cards, a local television station runs free ads to let people know about his service.—(RNS Photo by Don Rutledge)



Bible Study By Mail

HAYES, S.D.—Rev. E. E. Goss, a Southern Baptist pastor from Pierre, S.D., looks over a set of home Bible study course books, furnished by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with Mrs. Leo Kirksey of Hayes, S.D. Mrs. Kirksey, a rancher's wife who lives more than 50 miles from Pierre, the nearest large town, meets each week with women in her home to study the Bible, using the materials provided free by the Home Mission Board and mailed to her regularly. The study group has been together for over two years and includes women of several denominations. Mr. Goss serves the ranch area, driving to Hayes each Sunday afternoon to conduct services in a community hall.—(RNS Photo by Don Rutledge)

Student Seminar Scheduled For Washington, D. C.

NASHVILLE — "The Christian Student Affecting Government," a student seminar on political involvement, will be held in the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, D. C., Jan. 6-11, 1974.

Lectures, discussions forums, work-study groups, audiences with national political leaders and tours of the capitol area are included in the schedule for the week-long seminar.

Students attending the conference should be introduced to opportunities for Christian involvement in all areas of political life, study of the sources and uses of political power and exposure to political leadership. National Student Ministries of the

Southern Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring the seminar, assisted by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the cooperation of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Attendance will be limited to the first 250 registered. Students should check with individual political science departments regarding the possibility of earning academic credit. A program format is available for further consideration by advisors.

Cost for the week should be approximately \$75 plus transportation to the seminar. A registration fee of \$15 covering insurance, books, materials and

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to work with the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee in developing plans for the national conference and in promoting the regional conferences.

Besides Wood, other members of the Baptist Joint Committee staff are John W. Baker, associate director in charge of research services, and W. Barry Garrett, associate director in charge of information services.

Members of the ad hoc committee are: Frank Woyke, retired executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference; Lynn E. May Jr., executive secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; C. C. Goen, professor of church history, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.; Lorraine Williams, chairman of the department of history, Howard University, Washington, D. C., representing the National Baptist Convention.

Also, Morgan Patterson, professor of church history, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Winthrop Hudson, from the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., and professor of church history at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in New York; and E. C. Smith, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., representing the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

1st, Natchez Calls Puckett

First Church, Natchez announces that Rev. Odean W. Puckett has accepted the call of the church to become pastor.



Native of Jackson, Mr. Puckett is married to the former Martha Smith of Laurel. The Pucketts have three children. He was associate pastor of First Church, Jackson for two years. Following

this, he served as pastor of First Church, Summit. For the past five years, he has been pastor of Parkview, Alexandria, La.

He received his BA degree from Millsaps College and did one year of graduate study in political science at Tulane University. His BD degree was from Southern Seminary.

In addition to the pastorate, Mr. Puckett has served as instructor in religion at Southwest Junior College. He has been moderator of the Pike County Association, and trustee of the Louisiana Baptist Foundation.

The Puckett family will be residing at 12 Alta Road, Natchez.

Church Library Group To Convene November 2-3

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Another outstanding participant is Rev. Wayne E. Todd, secretary of the church library department since 1959. Mr. Todd spoke at the Lake Tlak O'Khata dinner meeting during the first annual Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization workshop at Louisville First Baptist Church in November, 1972.

Employees of the church library department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, and approved library workers from several southern states will conduct workshop sessions at the Jackson meeting.

Glynn T. Hill church library consultant, will lead the workshop, on book selection. Mr. Hill served as pastor in North Carolina and Georgia churches before joining the church library department staff in 1962.

John Hack also a consultant with the church library department, will lead the audiovisuals workshop. He is the author of a new book, "How to Make Audiovisuals," available in October, and frequently writes for Media, Library Services Journal.

Three approved library workers on the faculty are Mrs. O. M. Jones of Memphis, Mrs. Lawrence Freeman of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Edgar L. Savage Jr., of Nederland, Texas.

Mrs. Jones who lived in Jackson until her retirement after 34 years as manager of the local Baptist Book Store, will teach Stages I and II of the Church Library Development Plan to inexperienced library workers.

Mrs. Freeman will present classifying and cataloging. She is director of library services at First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro and consults for the church library department on library establishment and promotion, achievement guides and the study of library science. She is a regular faculty member of the church library conferences held at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies and has taught extensively in library clinics, workshops, conventions and conferences.

Mr. Savage will teach library workers how to promote the use of all media in the church library. His contributions in the field have earned him the "Mr. Promotion" title in library circles.

transportation in Washington must be sent directly to National Student Ministries, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn., 37234. Rooms and meals at National 4-H Conference Center will cost about \$60 for Sunday evening through Friday noon.

All Mississippi Baptist Church library workers, from beginners with little or no preparation to those with many years of experience, are urged to attend. Most recent information in the field will help the latter keep their church libraries progressive while workshop leaders will also pay particular attention to the needs of beginning librarians, according to Mrs. A. M. Jordan, state president.

SBC Cooperative Gifts Rise

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Routh, executive secretary - treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Routh said the increase in Cooperative Program giving makes possible the first "advance funds" (receipts above both operating and capital needs) since 1967 "and reflects an increase in the percentage from the

states for SBC causes, as well as increased participation by churches on the part of church members."

By action of the Executive Committee, the additional Cooperative Program funds have been distributed to the 19 SBC agencies on the basis they received the regularly budgeted 1972 - 73 Cooperative Program receipts.

For example, the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, which received \$382,062 and \$186,344 respectively, will be able to strengthen missionary and evangelistic outreach, Williams said. The additional funds to the Foreign Mission Board, he said, will help "overcome the inroads of dollar devaluation abroad."

Williams said the 8.48 increase "will help shore up the diminishing buying power of the dollar during this inflationary spiral."

Southern Baptists gave an additional \$29,079,065 in designated gifts during the fiscal year ending September 30, including contributions to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Designated giving increased 12.54 per cent over last year's total of \$25,839,254.

Combined world missions contributions, including both designations and Cooperative Program gifts for 1972-73, totaled \$62,911,997 — a 10.32 per cent increase of \$5,885,396 over last year's total of \$57,026,600.

For September alone, both Cooperative Program receipts and designated giving showed large increases over the same month last year. Besides the 19.59 increase in Cooperative Program gifts, designated giving soared 78.45 per cent from \$251,748 in September, 1972, to \$449,241 in September, 1973.

Total gifts for September were \$3,379,058, a \$677,451 or 28.08 per cent increase over September of last year.

Hear Them At The Student Convention



Dr. M. Douglas Ezell, left, native of Greenville, Assistant Professor of New Testament, Southwestern Seminary, will be the Bible teacher for the sessions of the State Student Convention, meeting in First Church, Starkville, November 9-11. Following the general theme, "Living the Good News," he will deal with sections of the gospels using as his subject "The Good News Is..." Grady Nutt, right, nationally known humorist, writer, and musician from Louisville, Kentucky, and his wife, Ellenor, will lead conferences on Dating, Courtship, and Marriage, and on Saturday night he will address the group on "Living the Good News as a Christian Entertainer."

BSSB Committee Blazes New Trail

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Five qualifications were suggested for the new president: (1) Personal: A man within the general age span of 40-55; physically, emotionally and domestically stable; possessing a history of good interpersonal relationships.

(2) Educational-Intellectual: Adequate formal education based upon significant native intelligence.

(3) Experience: A history of successful achievement accomplished with integrity in current and previous positions in business, education and theological endeavors.

(4) Denominational: A man committed to the Bible as the word of God, the diversity and integrity of the churches, the doctrines expressed in "The Baptist Faith and Message" and who is "in tune" with the total life of the denomination.

(5) Spiritual: A man who is a born again believer; prayerful and spiritual in all things and faithfully involved in a local church in friendly cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The trustees want to make it clear that any Southern Baptist should feel an opportunity and obligation to have a voice in naming the Sunday School Board president. They urge anyone with a nomination to send it, along with a biographical sketch of the nominee and reasons for the nomination, to the nominating committee chairman, Dr. Gene Wofford, East Grand Baptist Church, 6211 East Grand Ave., Dallas, Tex. 75223.

Other members of the nominating committee include another pastor, two laymen and a minister of education. Hankins Parker of Florida is the pastor. Mahlon Morley of Kansas and Paul Henry of Maryland are the laymen, and James Neyland of Alabama is the

minister of education. Scott Tatum of Louisiana, a pastor, and DeVaughn Woods of Nashville, a layman, are ex officio members by virtue of their Board officer positions.

A timetable of events calls for the board's chairman and vice chairman to appoint a committee to nominate the executive vice president in February of 1974, looking to the retirement of J. M. Crowe the same day as Sullivan. This committee will report at the July 1974 meeting, having worked in the consultation with the president-elect.

At the July 1974 meeting, another committee will be appointed, to plan for formal installation of the new president, now scheduled for February, 1975.

Sixty-five of the sixty-seven elected trustees were presented in July for the initiation of the nominating process, a better record than that of the first trustees. In 1891, only ten of the forty trustees gathered in the study of the pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, to secure a chief executive.

"Even some of the men named as trustees of the new Board were less than enthusiastic about the enterprise," explains historian Robert Baker in "The Story of the Sunday School Board."

The first man named, Lansing Burrows, declined the position. The second man named, J. M. Frost, struggled against the call because of his passion for the pastorate, but he finally accepted the post.

History will record whether or not the 1974 nominee showed such reluctance.

(Gomer R. Lesch is the director of the Office of Public Relations, the Sunday School Board.)



Missionaries Take Part In 'Dig'

HESBON, Jordan—Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Barnes, missionaries to Lebanon, examine a piece of mosaic with their son Steve, as they participate in an archaeological dig here. The site was the capital of King Sion's kingdom and a fortress city during the era of Herod the Great. Archaeologists revealed from this dig that the site was occupied from the Iron Age until 13th century A.D. when it was abandoned until the 1920's when Arabs re-inhabited the area. Barnes, director of Baptist publications in Jordan, Gaza and Lebanon, lives in Beirut and also teaches in the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary. — (Photo by Alta Lee Lovegren)

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America Needs Another Watergate!

"America needs another watergate!" When I say that, I immediately hear protests, "Another watergate! Are you crazy?"

No, I am not crazy, and I mean exactly what I am saying. America does need another watergate—a watergate of the Bible kind.

Certainly, we all are tired of the Watergate experience about which we have been hearing for the past year. All of us are "fed up" to our necks, or even submerged in the issue, and wish that it could be forgotten forever. Now is the time when it should be left to the courts, and the nation's attention turned to more important issues.

We have no comment to make concerning the current Watergate, other than to say that we hope that out of it will come an American return to the moral standards of the Bible. Without question, Watergate resulted, at least in part, from a spirit which had arisen in this land, whereby we had begun to believe that anything is right if it is expedient, or best, for the country, (or for the party.) That, of course, is not true, and the sooner we can get away from it and back to Biblical standards of right and wrong, the better off we will be. Maybe the tragic fiasco of the present Watergate can bring us back to that. Let us hope so. Certainly, we hope that nothing else like this ever again happens in this land of ours.

There is, however, a watergate experience in the Bible, and this is needed very much right now in America.

That watergate experience is found in Nehemiah chapters 8-10. It is a revival experience, and is the type of revival which is needed today.

The background of the experience is the tragic events which had happened to the Jewish people.

The nation had been destroyed because of its sins. In the year 606 B.C. the destruction began when the nation came under the captivity of Nebuchadnezzar. Because of a rebellious attitude on the part of the king and leaders, large deportations to Babylon came in 598 B.C., and the final destruction of the city and nation in 587 B.C. Jerusalem was in ruins, the land ravished, and the people scattered.

Jeremiah had prophesied that the land would lie desolate for 70 years, and it was almost exactly that long from the time of the first captivity, until King Cyrus, fulfilling the prophecy Isaiah had made hundreds of years before, started the resettlement about the year 536 B.C. He sent Zerubbabel with about 50,000 people, back to recolonize the land, and rebuild the temple. Israel was not yet reestablished as a nation, however, and still was in a pitiful condition, even though the temple was rebuilt, and some colonizing had been done. In 456 B.C. King Artaxerxes sent Ezra and a company of other priestly leaders, back to seek to reestablish the law as the government. Little permanent results appear to have been accomplished, however, and in 445 B.C. Artaxerxes sent Nehemiah back to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

After the rebuilding of the walls, Nehemiah who now had been appointed governor, and Ezra who was the priest, realized that having the temple, the walls and even the Mosaic government, was not enough. These people needed to be brought back to obedience of the law of Moses.

A day was set when the people were called to assemble at an area which was called the watergate, one of the gates in Nehemiah's wall, just south

of the temple area, at a point where the main water source of the city, the spring of Gihon, was located.

Four things happened in this great assembly of the people at the watergate.

First, Ezra brought the law of Moses, and read it unto them. For hours at a time they listened as it was read and explained. Just the reading of God's revealed word, was a need then, and today, when we have the complete Word of God, it is needed, even more.

As the people heard the law read, they learned of the worship programs God has set for them, such as the Feast of Tabernacles, and they reestablished those programs. In our day, there is a need for once again placing the church and its program at the very heart of our American way of life.

As they listened to the word the people began to weep, repented of their sins and disobediences, turned from their wrong doings, and prayed unto God for forgiveness and guidance. Nothing is more needed in America today.

Finally, these people, at the watergate, made a new covenant with God, promising to do God's will, and obey his commands. It was a time of rededication to the Lord.

These four things are greatly needed in America today, for they are the elements of spiritual revival. To read the word of God, to restore the church to its proper position, to repent and turn from sin, and pray, and to rededicate all that we have, and all that we are, to God, are the elements of true revival.

Such a revival was needed in Jerusalem long ago!

It is needed in America today! Let us pray for a watergate, a Bible watergate, to happen to our land now.

Are You Being Fair To Your Pastor?

Are you being fair to your pastor, and, of course, other staff members, if you have them?

Are you asking them to serve in the coming year, at the same salary, as last year, or even two or three years ago? If you are, then you need squarely to face the question, "Are we being fair to these workers who serve us so faithfully?"

If your pastor (or other workers) will receive only the same salary this coming year, as last year, then you have given them a 6% or larger cut in income. The cost of living increases have caused that. Go buy groceries, or gasoline or clothing today, and you will see those increases.

If you have not raised the salaries in the last three years, you have given a cut of 20% to 25% in the income of the worker?

Is this fair to your pastor, or the others?

Can they give their best, when they are having to battle even to make ends meet? Can the leader be his best when he does not have the money to buy the food his family actually needs, or the clothes to wear, or the gasoline to drive his car? And how can he buy the books needed to study and prepare to preach? Books have jumped in cost even more than the other items.

Yet, this situation of unfairness is happening in some churches. They have reached a certain level in salaries, and refuse to go any higher.

We even have heard of some persons who talk about the pastor's "tax-free" income. When a person says that he is grossly misinformed, for the preacher pays taxes exactly as anyone else, and on the same scale. Actually, on the Social Security tax, the minister pays more, for he pays at the self-employed rates, and this year this will be 6.9% of the total salary. On a salary of \$8,000, this tax alone will be above \$550.00. And the pastor has no choice about paying it; the government says that he must pay it. In addition to this the pastor must pay the regular federal income tax and state income tax on his salary and other income. The only tax-free item is the pastors home.

We know of some churches which have been paying their pastors \$100.00 per week for the past several years, and have failed to raise the salary level, even though the church income has been growing. As a result, the family actually has a much smaller income than several years ago, and, at today's cost of living, no man can care for his family in the manner the church desires for its pastor to do, drive his car, dress neatly, provide insurance, hospitalization, etc., buy books and other materials necessary

for ministerial work, and do the other things needed in a modern ministry, on a salary that small. If a church is not able to pay more than that, then it either should combine fields with another church in order to provide an adequate salary or, if it does not do this, allow the pastor or his wife, or both, to do secular work, in order to have adequate income. If the church can pay more, and does not, then it simply is not being fair in the treatment of its pastor. And, remember, what we are saying about the pastor, also is true of every other church employee.

Churches need to take a long and serious look at the salaries, as they adopt budgets for the new year. If they already have adopted a budget, and did not raise the salaries, we suggest that they reconsider the budget now and make a fair adjustment. Sometimes, one or two individuals in a church, even sincere persons, will, because of a lack of vision or for other reasons, oppose increases of the salaries. Other members of the church should not allow such short-sightedness to keep them from adequately providing for their worker's needs.

As churches provide generously and adequately for their employees, they not only will assist those workers in doing a better job, but also will bring a happier spirit in the congregation, and insure greater blessing from the Lord.

EDUCATION...what's happening

ADULTS AT 18

Since the 26th Amendment in 1971 gave 18-year-olds the right to vote, almost half of the states in the nation now consider 18 rather than 21 the age of adulthood. To survey the future changes in campus life, the Council of Student Personnel Associations in Higher Education commissioned a study by University of Georgia Education Professor D. Parker Young. Some of Young's observations on the social implications of adulthood at 18:

"Students can sue and be sued. Colleges will be free to take students to court in cases of vandalism or disruption without involving the parents as middlemen. But the schools are also more vulnerable to legal action by students protesting against professors who skip classes or grade arbitrarily."

"The colleges will have to revise the tradition of mailing grades and disciplinary reports to parents."

"Financial aid to students has usually been based on a standardized form known as the 'Parents' Confidential Statement.' But students may now claim that only their own financial status is relevant."

"Some courts have already held that colleges cannot oblige students over 21 to take rooms in dormitories. If those rulings are now extended to students over 18, the colleges stand to lose considerable revenue."

"In fact," concludes the report, "almost any campus activity seems to be affected indirectly by the lowering of the age of majority. A new awareness of adulthood on the part of students will tend to force the concept of accountability for the required expenditure of any funds or efforts on the part of students."

The accent's on youth, but the stress is on parents.



It's Up To Us

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Urges Visits To Baptists In Communist Countries

Dear Editor:

As a Baptist layman who has traveled in most of the communist countries of Eastern Europe and lived in one of them, I have seen first hand the beneficial effects that come when touring American Christians make it a point to look up and visit a local Baptist or other evangelical church.

Persecuted or at least restricted in most of these countries, these Eastern European believers are greatly encouraged by this contact and by the knowledge that thousands or millions of American fellow believers are interested in them and pray for them.

Moreover, the interest shown by American visitors gives these Baptists, often a small minority, greater stature in the eyes of the communist authorities often resulting in more lenient treatment. These governments are eager to avoid the unfavorable national image that inevitably comes if the facts of persecution become known.

When traveling to any of the Eastern European communist countries plan to seek out the local Baptist or evangelical church. The Southern Baptist Convention has a listing of the national headquarters and location of Baptist churches in principal cities.

If you don't have addresses in advance, ask a local tour guide or the hotel clerk. Write out the word "Baptist" which is generally written similarly in most languages although pronunciation varies.

Released with name withheld by Foreign Mission Board.

On The MORAL SCENE...

Money Matters — "Between 1969 and March of 1973, the cost of living increased approximately 25 percent, and prices are increasing by approximately 9 percent per year at the present time. Unemployment rose from 3 1/2 percent in 1969 to 6 percent in 1971 and has fallen to 5 percent. The national debt was \$368 billion in 1969 and is now over \$461 billion — an increase of approximately \$100 billion in four years. In 1969, the United States suffered a deficit of just over \$1 billion in its balance of payments and in 1972 it suffered a deficit in excess of 8 1/2 billion dollars. In sum, inflation has gotten worse; unemployment has risen; there have been extraordinary increases in the size of the nation's debt and an extraordinary increase in the liabilities of the United States to the rest of the world."

(By John M. Kuhlman, University of Missouri)

Obscenity — "Professor Walter Berns has made the point that no society can be utterly indifferent to the ways its citizens publicly entertain themselves. 'Bearbaiting and cockfighting are prohibited only in part out of compassion for the suffering animals; the main reason they were abolished was because it was felt that they debased and brutalized the citizenry who flocked to witness such spectacles.' The question raised by pornography and obscenity is whether they can or will brutalize and debase the citizenry. 'We are, after all, not dealing with one passing incident — one book, or one play, or one movie. We are dealing with a general tendency that is suffusing our entire culture.'"

(By Earl Nightingale, "The Real Disasters")

Senior Citizens — There are 21 million citizens of this nation who are known as senior citizens. The problems confronting these people are myriad and manifold. "Almost 15 percent of them live in poverty. . . Escalating property taxes, which affect every American, are especially burdensome upon older Americans. . . It is seldom noted fact that the high incidence of crime in urban areas has a disproportionate impact on the elderly. Low-income senior citizens are often forced to seek out cheaper housing in the cities, and crime therefore strikes them with greater frequency. . . The elderly, unlike most interest groups, are ill-disposed to organization for political purposes, and for this reason their problems all too often remain inconspicuous and remote. We must



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilde Fancher

Some days when you get up you know you've got to stay behind the ironing board so to speak, all day.

The floors are gritty, the laundry basket is full, the oven is so dirty that everything you bake tastes too brown, the future is so dusty that it looks as if you antiqued everything gray, the cupboard is bare, and the refrigerator is still frost-free but not odor-free. Your whole house has come an ecological problem. Therefore, today is a day during which you must stay on the less exciting, less thrilling, less enjoyable side of the ironing board to smooth wrinkles and put a finish on many important things.

What makes a thing important? Probably its result or accomplishment. A clean floor is important, not because of what it does to the reputation of its keeper, but what it does to help keep those who walk it healthy and happy. Ever walk barefoot over a really dirty floor? It's an experience close to the scolding of fingernails down a blackboard.

Clean, well-fitting clothes likewise find their importance in the sense of being well-cared for, along with poise and confidence resultant from a sense of well-being when their wearers possess. Have you ever taken time to watch a child who knows his clothes do not fit and are not the kind they should be? It's a study in misery.

Dusted furniture, besides doing away with various kinds of particles that might pollute the air, looks as if Mom or someone else cares. A clean oven, stocked cupboards, a sweet-smelling refrigerator result in good food for a family, important beyond necessity for discussion.

It just seems, though, that the day I have to stay behind the ironing board, so to speak, all day is the day everybody else is doing kinds of fun, exciting things beyond the ironing board.

But I remind myself that either they were behind the ironing board yesterday or will be behind it tomorrow or the next day.

The days behind and the days beyond have to be balanced, don't they?

compensate for the softened voices of the aged by raising our own with greater force on their behalf."

(By Melvin Price, Congressional Record, June 29, 1973)

Many people find the church cold because they insist on sitting in "Z" row. Come front, brother!

The corner-stone of character is Jesus Christ.

It isn't enough just to be busy. What are you busy about?

Prayerless pews make powerless pulp. "O, give ye thanks unto the Lord, for he is good."

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for much as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord."

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Religious Press Mailing Costs Increased About 20 Per Cent

NEW YORK (RNS) — Cost increases averaging 20 per cent were expected to result for religious newspapers and magazines after the latest postal rate increases went into effect Sept. 9.

With authorization from the federal Cost of Living Council, the Post Office Department has announced that the second of ten annual increases went into effect on that date.

James Doyle, executive director of the Catholic Press Association, estimated that the average increase for most non-profit periodicals would probably be 20 per cent. He added, however, that this is "a tricky figure" because it depends on the distribution of the particular periodical. The general range of increases, he said, will probably be from 12 to 25 per cent.

Since the latest increase came as part of the 10 - phase program, it was no surprise, although it had been postponed by the June 13 price freeze. Summing up the reaction of his organization, Mr. Doyle said, "We're sorry it's been released by the Cost of Living Council, and we're going to double our efforts to get some kind of legislative relief."

A bill to provide relief for publishers was introduced earlier this year as House Resolution 8929. Because it provided relief for both profitmaking and non-profit periodicals, however, it ran into difficulty when some Congressmen questioned the propriety of providing relief for such periodicals as Time, Reader Digest, and The Wall Street Journal.

Mr. Doyle indicated that there may be an effort to revamp the bill so that it would apply primarily to non-profit periodicals.

Allen Bradley, circulation manager of the Newark Advocate, newsweekly of the Catholic Archdiocese of Newark (N. J.), estimated that his paper's overall increase would be 25 per cent. From \$300 a week, he predicted, the cost will go up to \$400 a week, or \$1800 a month.

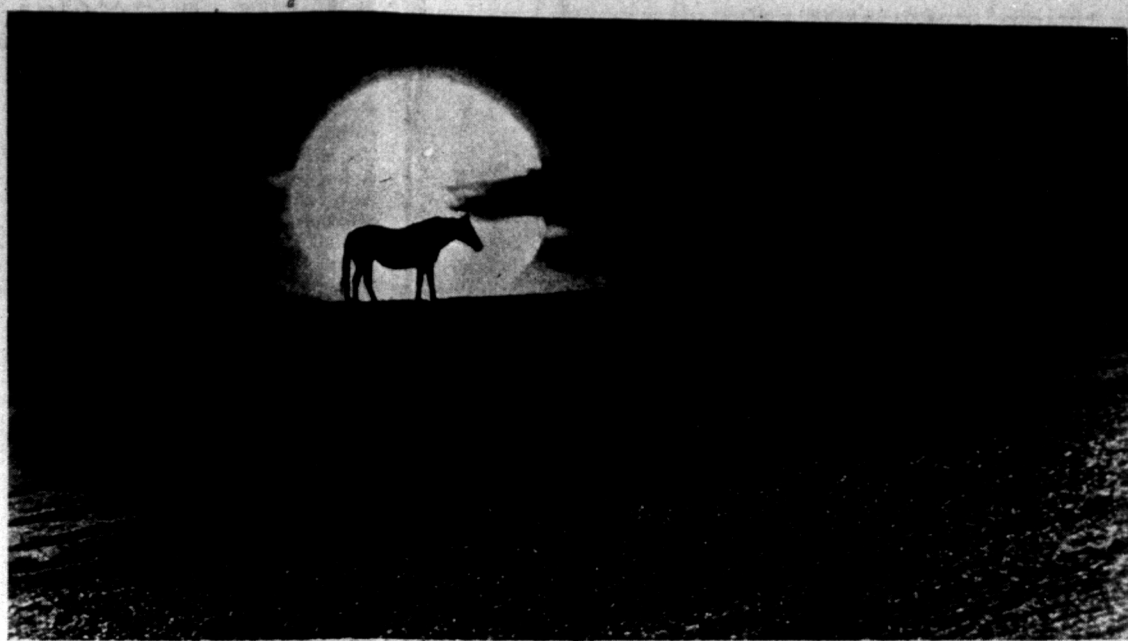
For in-county mailing (about 10,000 copies), Mr. Bradley estimated a surcharge increase from \$51.69 to \$103.38 per issue. The out-of-county surcharge (about 40,000 copies) will increase from \$392.56 per issue to \$588.56, he added.

John Pink, executive vice-president of Our Sunday Visitor, the nation's largest circulation (425,000) Catholic weekly, said his paper was expecting an overall increase of 15.1 per cent. This, he indicated, would mean an annual rate increase of a little over \$16,000 for the periodical, which is published in Huntington, Ind.

Fenwick D. Loomer, publisher of the non-denominational Christian Herald, reported here that the postal increase has led his magazine to increase its subscription renewal rate from \$3.75 to \$3.97 per year. He said that although the magazine's 300,000 subscribers are not primarily in high income brackets, "our rates now are extremely low."

"There are no plans to increase advertising rates," Mr. Loomer related, adding that the monthly periodical considered it "absolutely essential" to maintain its current advertising revenues.

(The Baptist Record has found its postage bill increased by slightly more than 28% in the first two weeks of the new postal rates. The new cost is approximately \$150.00 per week more than we have been paying for the past year. This is the third increase in the past 28 months, and others are projected each year for the next several years. It is to be hoped that Congress can separate the non-profit publications from the large circulation profit oriented publications, so that some relief can be provided for the smaller publications. If this is not done, we can foresee serious financial problems as the postage costs continue to spiral over the next several years. —Editor.)



Harvest Moon: Giant Pearl In Pennsylvania

Perched like a brilliant giant pearl, the Fall moon is in and soon the mare will be retired to the barn, awaiting Spring. — (RNS Photo by Charles Gardner)

Mission Agency To Enlist Volunteers From High School

ATLANTA (BP) — In an attempt to tap an unused missions resource, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here is developing two mission opportunities for high school juniors and seniors.

The board will use high school students in a 10-week assignment in youth summer missions and high school graduates in one-year ministry called "Sojourner."

In both instances, the parents home church or the individual must provide all expenses.

To develop the mission opportunities, the Home Mission Board has appointed Clay Price, 24, to a one-year missionary associate position to plan and coordinate the program.

A native of Fort Worth, Tex., and graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Price served for two years in the board's US-2 program, where he worked as student coordinator for the San Jose Baptist Association in California.

"I understand the Mormons have 15,000 young people out as volunteers for up to two years," said Price. "I think Baptists will respond also."

Don Hammonds, head of the special missions ministries department out of which Price will work, said, "We've had mission personnel ask us for years why we didn't get into this."

"And young people returning from special youth projects have written us."

Price said he expects no conflict between his work and that of Barry St. Clair, who works in high school evangelism for the Home Mission Board. "St. Clair recruits for work in high schools themselves. I will recruit young people from the high schools to work in other missions fields," Price said.

Baptists Call For Return

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the abuse of political power." The Baptist leaders noted with gratitude that there is a widespread reaction against this abuse and that such reaction evidences the intrinsic strength of the American tradition.

"The times call for an affirmation of trust in the basic principles of the American system of democracy," the statement read.

Agency Acts On Civil Rights, Religion, Prayer

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Committee gave major attention to religion in schools, civil rights for all people and proposed constitutional prayer amendments.

In an address on religion and public education, Mr. Wood declared, "The purely secular view of education, which ignores the role of religion in the life of man, is neither academically tenable nor historically defensible, no matter what one's personal views toward religion may be."

He reviewed historic Supreme Court decisions related to religion in schools together with the development of the National Council on Religion and Public Education (NCRPE). The NCRPE is a coalition of organizations for including religion in public school curriculum in accordance with the Supreme Court guidelines.

Wood hailed the work of NCRPE, the American Association of School Administrators, programs developed by a number of universities and efforts by religious organizations for the inclusion of religion in the curriculum of schools.

So optimistic was the Baptist leader toward these developments that he declared, "Clearly, we are on the

threshold of a new day in American public education."

Wood continued, "Recognition of the rightful role of religion in public education, long overdue, is being increasingly recognized by educators and the citizenry alike."

"The academic study of religion presages for the future a new dimension in the educational experiences on American youth enrolled in the public schools and provides, at the same time, acknowledgement at long last that the study of religion is essential to the integrity of public education."

In other developments, the Baptist Joint Committee stood firm in its opposition to proposed constitutional prayer amendments advocated by some members of Congress. The committee has adamantly opposed governmentally written prayers and school board sponsored religious devotions.

The Baptist Joint Committee takes the position that unless prayer and religious devotion are voluntary, it is neither genuine prayer nor true devotion. For this reason the committee has insisted that the religious life and indoctrination of school children be kept out of the hands of public agencies and retained by the homes and churches of the nation.

A number of proposed constitutional prayer amendments have been introduced both in the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives. The Senate subcommittee on constitutional amendments has held two days of hearings on seven proposals before the Senate. Only advocates of these amendments have been heard thus far.

Baptist Agency Opposes Abortion Amendments

By Beth Hayworth

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Committee voted opposition to proposed constitutional amendments that would grant "persons" by the Constitution made it clear, however, that it was taking no stand for or against abortion.

The action of the Baptist Joint Committee was aimed at proposed amendments now in Congress to guarantee that protection of the right to life granted "persons" by the Constitution would be extended to include "unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development."

In the Senate such an amendment has been introduced by Sens. James L. Buckley (R. — N. Y.) and Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.). In the House of Representatives, a similar proposal is being pushed by Rep. Lawrence J. Hogan (R. Md.) Some other members of Congress are listed as co-sponsors of these two measures or have introduced proposed constitutional amendments which would have the same intent.

The Baptist action was based solely on the principles of civil liberties and religious freedom, according to James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee. The committee has not taken a stand either for or against abortion although some member bodies have resolutions concerning abortion rights.

The discussion during the three-day meeting indicated Baptists have no consensus on the question of abortion.

In voting opposition to the Buckley-Hatfield and similar amendments, the Baptist agency asked its Washington-based staff to "take all available action to oppose" such efforts to amend the Constitution.

In 1971 the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution calling "upon Southern Baptists to work for legislation that will allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother."

The member bodies of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, besides the Southern Baptist Conventions are American Baptist Churches in the U. S. A., Baptist Federation of Canada, Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, Inc., North American Baptist General Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Drinking Culture In Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — A new study lays to rest any doubt that a drinking culture prevails in Minnesota. More than nine out of every ten state residents age 14 and older, the study indicates, are current or former drinkers.

Eight in ten said they were currently using alcohol at the time the survey was taken in January and February. Projecting the sample of 2,500 Minnesotans questioned in personal interviews, the researchers reckoned that 1,530,000 residents at least 14 years old drink alcohol to varying degrees.

Clear Branch Homecoming

Clear Branch, Rankin County, will observe Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 14. Rev. Ralph Brady, pastor, will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. service. In the afternoon, Carl and Linda Floyd, of Jackson, will have charge of the congregational singing and special music. All former members, pastors and friends are invited. An old-fashioned dinner on the grounds is planned for the noon hour.

Oral Memoirs

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The oral history movement, which began about 25 years ago, uses a systematic technique of tape recording "oral memoirs" and preserving information which reveals the impact of people on events, explains Lynn May, executive secretary of the Historical Commission.

Discussion leaders and 54 conferees explored all aspects of researching, conducting, taping and transcribing oral history interviews, establishing oral history programs and possibly coordinating such an effort through the Historical Commission.

Oral history experts from Memphis (Tenn.) State University and Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Historical Commission staffers emphasized the urgency of Southern Baptists moving before it's too late to preserve the wealth of experience and insights of aging Southern Baptists, ranging from the top leaders to the rank and file.

"Through this technique it's possible to get things that would never be written down," said Charles Crawford, who directs Memphis State's oral history program.

"The human mind," he said, "has an infinite capacity to store and use information. Oral history gathering, which can span a half-century or more, is a matter of recovering and recording the contents of the human memory bank."

Thomas L. Carlton, who heads Baylor's three-year-old oral history program, and Historical Commission staffers emphasized that well-planned oral history projects by Southern Baptists will allow preservation of behind-the-scenes experiences, factors influencing major organizational changes, insights into what various generations of Baptists think about contemporary events and evaluation of the Baptist role and impact in such areas as missions, evangelism, social issues and education.

"Oral history, as important as it is in debriefing aging Baptist leaders, is equally important for collecting the observations and experiences of all generations of Baptists," Carlton says. "The memoirs of a young person ultimately have historical as well as current significance."

"Most Baptist history over the years has been institutional history," said Carlton. "That good but it's devoid of human quality. Except for what the Historical Commission is trying to do, the SBC has neglected to leave a record of human history. We must add the flesh of human experience to the important but dry bones of skeletal written reports."

"We're not just collecting old records for the sake of having a lot of old information," says Ronald Tonks, assistant executive secretary of the Historical Commission. "We are gathering materials to put our people in the context of their heritage and help them do a better job of present-day missions and evangelism."

The conferees, working in cooperation with the Historical Commission, will continue to study ways to coordinate convention-wide oral history gathering, both at the point of widespread input into the interview questions for multi-faceted convention leaders and utilization of completed interviews for both historical and contemporary purposes. — (Robert O'Brien is news editor of Baptist Press.)

Bumper Stickers

"I always rejoice when I encounter people who are willing to give a positive witness for Jesus Christ but sometimes I wonder if some of the 'witness' we see is very positive. I have been seeing a lot of bumper stickers which read 'My God is not dead — sorry about yours.' Of course, nobody detested the 'God is dead' theology more than I did when it first came out a few years ago and I certainly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and I know that God is alive but that bumper sticker suggests to everyone who reads it that their God is dead. It suggests a kind of spiritual arrogance on the part of the driver of the car which bears the bumper sticker. I am sure that people who drive those cars which bear such bumper stickers believe that God is alive but to suggest that everyone else's God is dead is not a very good witness. That bumper sticker turns me off and I believe that it turns almost everyone else off — especially lost people. I am seeing quite a few of them around Morgantown now and I am wondering if we couldn't find a better witness and testimony."

Of course, I have always been more sold on living the Christian life before your fellow man than on wearing bad-ger or bumper stickers and I still believe that witness by word of mouth is better than witness by billboard but I don't particularly object to many of the bumper stickers. I just believe that Christians should be careful about displaying some of them on their cars. In fact, if one drives like a demon it's better not to put any kind of Christian bumper sticker on his car because his driving habits may just negate everything that he says on the bumper sticker. — Robert Tenery, Editor, Burkemont Banner, Morgantown, N. C.



SCRAPBOOK



Sail On! Sail On!

Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Behind the Gates of Hercules;
Before him not the ghost of shores,
Before him only shoreless seas.
The good mate said: "Now must we pray,
For lo! the very stars are gone.
Brave Admiral, speak, what shall I say?"
"Why, say, 'Sail on! sail on! and on!'"

"My men grow mutinous day by day;
My men grow ghastly wan and weak."
The stout mate thought of home; a spray
Of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek.
"What shall I say, brave Admiral, say,
If we sight naught but seas at dawn?"
"Why, you shall say at break of day,
'Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!'"

They sailed. They sailed. Then spake the mate:
"This mad sea shows his teeth tonight.
He curls his lip, he lies in wait,
With lifted teeth, as if to bite!"
Brave Admiral, say but one good word:
What shall we do when hope is gone?"
The words leapt like a leaping sword:
"Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"

Then, pale and worn, he kept his deck,
And peered through darkness. Ah, that night
Of all dark nights! And then a speck—
A light! A light! A light! A light!
It grew, a starlit flag unfurled!
It grew to be Time's burst of dawn.
He gained a world; he gave that world
Its grandest lesson: "Oh! sail on!"
—Joaquin Miller

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"Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"

There is cried many an open tear
Visible all to man — petty tears.
What man can plainly see the weeping
In another heart; tears so painful
They bleed the very soul, as well as
The body, of its desire for life.
Yet private as they may be, even
These tears do not escape notice by someone.
—Mark Leggett

Each In His Own Tongue

A fire-mist and a planet —
A crystal and a cell
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfields
And caves where the cave-men dwell,
Then a sense of law and beauty
And a face turned from the cloud —
Some call it evolution,
And others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon
The infinite, tender sky,
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfields
And wild geese sailing high;
And all over upland and lowland,
The charm of the golden-rod,
Some of us call it Autumn,
And others call it God.

A picket frozen on duty
A mother starved for her brood,
Scarcely drinking the hemlock,
And Jesus on the road;
And millions who, humble and nameless,
The straight hard pathway plod,
Some call it consecration,
And others call it God.

—Wm. Herbert Carruth (1859-1924)



A squirrel scoots up a tree carrying what may be a Winter's eve snack. (RNS Photo by Clifford R. Yeich)

Columbus Day

On October 12, 1492, Columbus first set foot in the New World by landing on an island he called San Salvador, out of the present Bahamas. Columbus called the natives Indians, because he thought he had reached the coast of India.

The four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America was commemorated by a national celebration in 1992 and by the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. This marks the beginning of the recognition of the significance of the day, and it is now widely celebrated in the Western hemisphere.

Spain, Italy, Mexico and Canada are just a few of the countries that have national, local or neighborhood observations.

Although the continents Columbus discovered were named for another, many cities and towns honor him.

Columbus

Columbus was a sailor brave,
The first that crossed the Atlantic wave.
In fourteen hundred and ninety-two,
He came far o'er the ocean blue,
Where never a ship had sailed before,
And found a wild and savage shore,
Where naked men in forests prowled,
And bears and panthers roamed and howled.
—From the poem, Story of America in Verse,
in The Progressive Reader or Juvenile Monitor 4(1830)

Chained Books

"It is impossible to preserve books though they be chained with a hundred chains." So wrote Ferdinand, the scholar and wealthy book collector, and son of Christopher Columbus. His book collection, said to be one of the finest private collections of the time in Europe, was left for the use of scholars but with stringent instructions for its use. Whoever wished to consult a book was forced to do so from behind a screen with a hole only large enough for his hand to reach through to turn the pages.

Wind

The wind has such a rainy sound
Moaning through the town,
The sea has such a windy sound—
Will the ships go down?
The apples in the orchard tumble from their tree—
Oh will the ships go down, go down,
In the windy sea?
—Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Tears

There is cried many an open tear
Visible all to man — petty tears.
What man can plainly see the weeping
In another heart; tears so painful
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Yet private as they may be, even
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Mrs. L. Byron Harbin

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| Oct. 24 a.m. | FBC, Ellisville | Brazil | Marilyn Hopkins |
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Miss Ethel McKeithen



Miss Marjean Patterson



Miss Marilyn Hopkins



Miss Frances Shaw

Mexicans Still Suffer As Floods Recede

IRAPUATO, Mexico — Several weeks after a broken dam sent floodwaters raging over this town of central Mexico, people were still in need of food, clothing, bedding and adequate shelter, according to Baptist representative Richard E. Steel.

Fifteen Baptist families in the area lost their homes and everything in them.

Several families who for two weeks took refuge in the Baptist church here have moved into small one-room shacks improvised with materials given by the government.

"Inadequate sanitary facilities and lack of drinking water remain a problem in such conditions," said Steel. "I have taken food and clothes to them on three different occasions, but they are still very needy."

"One of our Baptist families was stranded on a house top for two days without anything to eat," he said. "The food situation has been alleviated somewhat, but not totally. The government is giving away food as well as cooked meals."

Right after the floods hit, Steel reported, tortillas were selling for 80 (U.S.) cents for two pounds and milk for 80 cents a quart. Usually tor-

tillas cost about 10 cents and milk 23 cents.

"With the influx of government assistance, food prices have returned normal," Steel continued. "The problem is that many people are out of work and have no money to meet their daily needs. Many evangelists, including Baptists, have responded with food and clothes, but the need is still great."

Water rose to about four feet in the First Baptist Church of Irapuato ruining the organ and a few other items. "The church probably will need some financial assistance to finish the inside of their building," said Steel.

In San Juan de Retana, the Baptist church building is still standing, according to members there, but two weeks after the flood five feet of water still stood inside.

In Celaya, water rose to about two feet in the Ebenezer Baptist Church but First Baptist Church there was not flooded.



Carey Annual Editors plan their proposed lay-out, above, as they discuss appropriate advertising space. Editor Anita McGraw talks with business editor, Paul Parker, about his staff's advertisement sales campaign starting this week. Anita, a senior from Easley, South Carolina, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Grant. Parker is the son of Rev. and Mrs. James E. Parker of Long Beach. He is a junior. Mrs. Evelyn McClure is the faculty sponsor for the Crusader, Carey's annual.

Pike County Awards

Two More Scholarships

For the fourth year, Pike Association has awarded scholarships to Baptist students in Mississippi Baptist colleges who have given their lives to fulltime Christian service. This year the awards of \$100 each go to Wayne McCullough and Dennis Allen.

Allen is the pastor of Progress Church and is attending William Carey College.

McCullough is also studying at William Carey College, for the ministry. He is a member of the Calvary Church, Pricedale and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. McCullough.

Pike Association has awarded \$1,400 in scholarships during the past three years.

Oak Grove (Holmes):

29th Homecoming

Oak Grove Church, Holmes County, is making plans for 29th annual Homecoming Day. Their big celebration will be on October 14.

Rev. Bill McLendon of Isola has accepted an invitation to be the guest speaker at 11 o'clock. Rev. Tommy Bruce, Oak Grove pastor, will preside over the day's events. Dinner on the grounds will be very much a part of the program!

Gooden Lake Homecoming

Gooden Lake, Belzoni, will observe annual homecoming day on October 14. Rev. Bobby Holland will be guest speaker for the morning service. Following lunch served on the church grounds, the Revelations will present a concert in the afternoon. Rev. Paul Broadway, pastor, invites all former pastors, former members, resident members, non-resident members, and all friends.

Jehovah's Witnesses

To Oust Smokers

NEWARK, N. J. — Nine years after the Surgeon General's report which linked cigarette smoking with cancer and two years after a Congressional act took cigarette advertisements off television, a federal official has indicated that he may seek a government ban on all or some cigarettes.

Richard O. Simpson, chairman of the Federal Consumer Product Safety Commission, said in an address at the Product Liability Prevention Conference at Newark, N. J., College of Engineering, that he was anticipating a Congressional petition asking his commission to set tar and nicotine standards for cigarettes. He added, however, that the commission could act on its own if such a petition was not forthcoming.

In a related action, the governing board of the Jehovah's Witnesses announced that smokers will no longer be accepted as members of the group's congregations and that present smokers who are members have six months to quit or be removed from the denomination.

Despite all this pressure, Americans are still smoking up a storm. The Department of Agriculture has predicted that total consumption will go up to a record 565 billion cigarettes in 1973.

November BH Topics

Gratitude is the name of the game Christians play in relationship to God—at least it should be, according to a series of November BAPTIST HOUR sermons.

With the approaching Thanksgiving season obviously in mind, Dr. Hobbs leads up to it by preaching three sermons dealing with gratitude.

The first, to be heard Nov. 4, is titled "A Thankless Heart." "When Gratitude is Evil" is the title of the Nov. 11 sermon and "The Pinnacle of Praise," Nov. 18, cites the physical and spiritual blessings of those who love the Lord.

"The Baptist Hour" Thanksgiving sermon will be preached Nov. 25 by Dr. Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church in Roanoke, Va.

DENIA, Spain — Emphasizing the opening of new areas of Baptist work, the stewardship duty of Spanish Christians and the reduction of supportive funds received from Southern Baptists in the States more than 125 delegates gathered here at the 21st annual convention of the Spanish Baptist Union.

McInnis — 'City

Pastor' 24 Years

In Hattiesburg

Rev. Garland McInnis began his 24th year as city pastor of Hattiesburg, Monday, Oct. 1.

A fellow pastor, Rev. Sam Wagoner, then pastor of Petal — Harbor Church in Petal, had said to him one day, "Bro. McInnis, you are just 'city pastor' working with all kinds of needy people."

Mr. McInnis recalls, "Along my journey of life I got without work that idea of Wagoner came to my mind and I said I'll ask 20 men and women to underwrite my salary so that would stabilize me until a kind of work came along."

"I would like to record some of my early friends who said yes. The plan was \$10 per month, or \$200 per month from the 20 of them. So my city pastor's year started Oct. 1, 1950. I have outlined most of the initial underwriters."

The first underwriters were: L. Faulkner, George B. Denham, F. Foote Sr., Earle Wingo, James Simrall Jr., W. H. McCall Sr., M. W. Crawford and Hamilton Crawford, Sam Miller, W. O. Tatum, W. Clinton of Petal, W. P. (Smokie) Herrington, Mrs. Pooley White, Mrs. J. S. Montgomery, J. Frank Brown, M. McWilliams, Emmett Bethea, and Mrs. Leo Koondorffer and two anonymous friends.

Mr. McInnis was pastor also of Southside Church, Hattiesburg for years. He held a weekly plant church service for Clinton Lumber Co. in Hattiesburg for 10 years, and operated a house for the needy for 20 years.



At least sixty took part in the Bible Study Retreat for deaf persons held at Tombigbee State Park September 22 and 23. The retreat was jointly planned and sponsored by Calvary Church, Tupelo, (Dr. Bob Ramsay, pastor) and Jerry St. John, associate, Cooperative Missions Department, MBCB. Those attending were from Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, and Georgia.

Bible

Study

Retreat

Carter Bearden of the Home Mission Board staff in Atlanta, at left above, was teacher of the Bible study for the retreat. Others in the picture are

"Tommie Hurst, Gladys Carter, Lee Harbin, Lucille Robbins, and Buell Keith.



Among the leaders for the retreat program were, left to right, Mrs. Sam Allen, Calvary, Tupelo, coordinator; Carter Bearden; Arthur Boren, Corinth; Gladys Carter; and Dorothy Barrett. Mr. Bearden who is deaf, preached at Calvary on Sunday night in sign language, while Mr. Boren translated the message to those who could hear. Ms. Carter and Ms. Barrett are interpreters for the deaf who attend Calvary.

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Reconciliation Through Cross

By Clifton J. Allen
Romans 5

Paul's exposition of the gospel in Romans emphasized man's need of salvation because of his guilt in sin, the way of salvation by faith and faith alone, and the expected outcome of salvation in a life of righteousness through the living Christ by his Spirit. Chapter 5, which is the basis of our lesson, is a sort of connecting link, pointing both backward and forward. It is a transition which reaffirms the basic verities set forth in the earlier chapters and the truths set forth in the chapters to follow about the new life in Christ. Our salvation has been made possible by God's redeeming love. The reign of sin which brings death has been broken by the reign of grace which means eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lesson Explained The Blessedness of Salvation Verses 1-5

Christians enjoy a new standing with God, they are justified by faith. "We have peace" may better be translated "Let us keep on enjoying peace." We can keep on rejoicing in our status, the status of grace, which means access to God through Christ. Further, we can continue boasting or exulting in hope of the glory of God. This is not the boasting of the legalist or self-righteous person but the exultation of one confident of security in salvation by grace and confident of sharing in the glory of God in the life to come. The joys of the Christian reach into eternity. Paul goes on to show that Christians can have joy even in tribulation. Tribulation is a part of life. It is also a part of the cross-bearing or Christian discipleship. Tribulation, rightly borne, produces endurance; endurance will produce something tested and approved; such tested character will serve to increase our hope; and this kind of hope will never disappoint us or deceive us or put us to shame. The climax of the blessedness of salvation is that our hearts are flooded with God's love, poured into them by the Holy Spirit.

Christ's Vicarious Death Verses 6-8

Nothing on our part could merit God's love or Christ's sacrifice. We were without strength or weak; we were sinners; we were enemies, as we learn from verse 10. We were therefore hostile toward God, rebellious, self-willed, and set against his righteous will. While we were in our helpless and guilty state, God showed his love by the gift of his Son; and Christ proved God's love, which he shared fully with the Father, in that he "died for us." His death was vicarious, in our stead. No one is so wicked, no one so corrupt, but that

God's love reaches out in Christ to offer the riches of grace. Christ was not the victim of God's wrath, but the expression of God's wrath against sin and the full expression of God's judgment on sin. Christ freely offered himself to bear the full consequences of sin in order to achieve reconciliation for mankind. Paul could never forget the amazing love of God in Christ. We should never forget the amazing

grace by which we have been saved through faith. Confidence in the Living Savior Verses 9-11

Our justification was made possible by the blood or the death of Christ. We therefore have no occasion to fear the revelation of the wrath of God in the day of judgment. We are saved, however, not by a dead Christ but by a living Christ. Having been reconciled, we experience in our hearts the power of the living Lord. Our salvation, therefore, is due to the indwelling presence of the living Christ. It is because of his presence in us through the Spirit that we are obligated to manifest something of the righteousness of God in our manner of life before the world. Salvation began with justification by faith; it should continue through sanctification in the power of the Spirit. Such a great salvation is all of grace, and hence attributed to God through Christ from beginning to end. But we should have unmeasured gratitude and should offer endless praise to God because of his redeeming love.

L.I.F.E. At Pearl

A Lay Institute for Evangelism, (L.I.F.E.), sponsored by Rankin County pastors and laymen will be held at First Church, Pearl, on October 17-21. This announcement comes from Plemon Ming, Executive Committee Chairman, right and Rev. Tom Badley, left, Pastors Committee Chairman. The purpose of the institute will be to train lay men, women and students to experience and share the abundant Christian life. The result of the training will be that Christians will learn to communicate the claims of Christ in such a way that others will listen and understand how to receive Christ. This will enable all who receive the training to serve Christ more effectively through the church. Those who are interested in attending should contact First Baptist Church in Pearl for more information.

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BYWs from the host church, for District 9 workshop held at First Church, Jackson, pictured, left to right are: Mrs. Paul Moak, Jr., Judy Freeman, Mrs. Norton McKeigney, Mattie Lou Rogers, Diedra Hill, Ophelia Milling, and Mrs. Terry Bailey.



Among activities offered during the workshops are: book browsing, to discover what materials are available for BYWs to use and what information the materials are available for BYWs to use and what information the materials contain. Pictured are Mrs. Paul Moak, Jr. First, Jackson, and Jewel Odom, Flora Church.



A sharing time is provided in order that each group might benefit from activities of other groups. Left to right are Diedra Hill, First, Jackson; Ann Shaw, Alta Woods, Jackson; Ophelia Millings, First, Jackson; and Mattie Lou Rogers, First, Jackson.



These young women chose to make posters of missionary jobs — just one of the activities offered during the workshop. L to R. — Ophelia Milling, Diedra Hill, Mattie Lou Rogers, all of First, Jackson.



Martha Traxler, First, Crystal Springs, and Judy Lynn McKeigney, First, Jackson, solve Anagrams — rearranging jumbled letters to form the names of materials, study books, groups available within the Baptist Young Women organization.

BYW Study Workshops

Woman's Missionary Union is sponsoring a series of Study Workshops for Baptist Young Women in Mississippi. These workshops, one scheduled for each of 11 districts, offer training and experience in presenting study materials in the BYW meetings.

Young women who attend learn many ways of creating interest, participation, and enthusiasm among the members of her organization. Learning activities suggested are provided for those present so that they might see how to effectively include activities in study sessions.

After two hours of sharing and working together, the young women have an opportunity for fellowship at lunch which is provided for them.

Check this schedule for the BYW Study Workshop nearest you and plan now to enjoy the learning experiences and fellowship with the BYWs in your district.

District 1, October 13, First Church, Lumberton; District 10, November 3, Roxie Church; District 4, November 10, Calvary Church, Starkville; District 2, November 17, First Church, Laurel; District 6, December 1, First Church, Batesville; District 7, December 8, First Church, Greenville.

(Each workshop begins at 10 a.m. and ends with lunch.)

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Sharing My Personal Experience

By Bill Duncan
Acts 26:1-29

At 2:45 in late August with a busy afternoon of work, I announced to the staff that I was going to the house.

Our principal, who was coming home from his first day at school and I wanted to hear all about it. I had carried him to school that morning and waited with the teary-eyed mothers for a few minutes to make sure he got his name tag and the teacher got his lunch money. All day I had imagined what he had been doing.

When I arrived at the house he had already begun. I asked him the normal question, "What did you like best about school?" Without a moment's hesitation he said, "Recess." He had to tell us about eating in the cafeteria, having a desk of his own, getting some books, seeing some friends from kindergarten. He told about getting separated from his friend, David, because they talked too much.

Since that day new experiences have been shared. One day he said he thought school was boring because all they did was write ABC's. He has come home excited, with a book that everyone had to sit down and listen to him read. The other day he said, "Boy, do I like school, if it gets any better I will have to go to the moon." Little by little Mark has shared his personal experiences in school.

Now will you think through your first day at school and share it with someone. What did you like best? What did you like least? Who was your teacher? Maybe you have forgotten. But there may be some other experiences you like to tell about. We all have our favorite stories.

Personal experiences always catch the attention and hold the interest of the listener. The reason is that it is unique.

Dr. Kenneth Chafin says, "The sharing of personal testimony is a wonderful way to witness." It is impossible to read the Book of Acts without being impressed with Paul's use of his personal testimony. It is difficult to imagine Paul's speaking very long without sharing his experience with Christ. Every person who has come to know God through Jesus Christ has an experience to share. The sharing of this experience is a vital part of Christian witnessing.

Personal testimony is ideal for witnessing for several reasons: It is an individual's firsthand experience with God; it takes little or no training to tell; it is of interest to the lost; and it helps the listener see himself in the same situation.

What is so important about your sharing your Christian experience? You know that anything that is personal will catch the attention and hold the interest of the non-believer. Your experience is unique. No one has had experiences with God quite like yours. Your personal experience will identify you with the unbeliever and give an opportunity to show how Christ makes a difference in a life. Your testimony to show how Christ makes a difference in a life. Your testimony about Jesus Christ is unanswerable. You are sharing truth which has come to you through personal experience with God.

While the experience of salvation does not change, it is possible for an individual to learn to give his testimony more effectively. Many people in sharing their testimony give details and explanations that drag out the explanation.

The four important facts that one needs to give in a personal testimony are: (1) Your life before receiving Christ. (2) How you realized you needed Christ. (3) How you became a Christian. (4) How Christ helps you in your daily life.

Write out your personal experience as a Christian before next Sunday and read it to some, using the four important facts. If you are a teacher you may give your class a few minutes during the Sunday morning Bible study period to do this. I never will forget giving a group of individuals such an assignment and hearing a dentist say, "This is the most revealing thing I have ever done."

In the Book of Acts chapter 26 you can see how the apostle Paul gave his testimony. This is the third time in the Book of Acts that this testimony is given. Paul was arrested in Jerusalem for causing a riot. When some, who knew of Paul's interest in Gentiles becoming Christians, thought he carried a Gentile convert into the temple, they attempted to kill him. The Jews continued to threaten the life of Paul so he was moved to Caesarea where Felix the Roman procurator could find no real charge against him. After two years Festus became the Roman procurator and immediately the Jews attempted to get Paul brought back to Jerusalem for a Sanhedrin trial. The Jews then came to Festus for a trial in Caesarea where Paul claimed Roman citizenship and appealed to Caesar in Rome. But what would be the charge? Agrippa came for a visit and agreed to help Festus in the legal matter. Agrippa was knowledgeable of the Jewish religion and with his background in Jewish practices as thought by Festus to be the person to hear Paul's story.

The stage was set. Festus presented Paul to the King and for the small audience presented the facts and the purpose of the meeting. Agrippa greeted Paul and gave him permission to

speak. Paul recognized his privilege and thanked the King. He then asked patience in hearing his case.

The outline of the personal testimony give the four basic facts. (1) His life before becoming a Christian (Pharisaic heritage v. 4-8 and persecuting zeal v. 9-11) (2) How he realized his need for Christ (Damasus road experience 12-18) (3) How he became a Christian (v. 19 obedience to the heavenly vision) (4) How Christ helped him in daily life (v. 20-32).

Look at the effect of sharing his personal testimony! King Agrippa was convicted of his need. He was able to understand but refused to accept.

You will not know what will be the effect of your sharing your testimony until you start. Here are a few helps that you should remember: Seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in giving your testimony. Give adequate but precise details showing how Christ became your Saviour and Lord. Use language the non-believer can understand, even if you have to give an illustration. Bring your testimony up to date by showing how Christ meets your daily needs. Remember you are giving a testimony, not preaching a sermon. Relive it so you can present it with loving enthusiasm.

Year Of Evangelism

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

MULTIPLICATION
By R. Othel Feather,
Retired Professor
Southwestern Seminary

In Wichita, Kansas, a business college student was helped by her Sunday School teacher and myself, the minister of education, to realize her need for Christ. She made a public profession of faith and was baptized shortly thereafter. Within a month she responded to the pastor's invitation by bringing a fellow student forward whom she had won to Christ. They were both working their way through business college as waitresses at a very prominent downtown tea room.

A few weeks later the second student brought a third fellow student forward at the close of the worship service for a public profession of faith. In time the third student had won a fourth and the fourth a fifth, and so on, until fifteen business college students who were serving as waitresses at the same tea room were won to Christ and membership in our church. Most of these were first enrolled in our Sunday School for Bible study be-

fore they were won to Christ. This happened over a period of less than two years. The young women who were still members of the Wichita church were recognized at a Sunday evening worship service. Some of them shared their testimonies and the joy of witnessing to others.

Two years following the recognition service I was serving a church in Austin, Texas. One day a letter came from the fifteenth business college student who had united with the Wichita church. She said, "I guess you thought the unending chain of new born souls from the business college here had ended after all. Well, today at the lunch hour I witnessed again to the secretary at the desk next to mine, in the oil company office where we work. She accepted Christ as her saviour and I am taking her to church with me next Sunday to make a public profession. Please pray for us that we may continue this chain of personal witnessing."

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Devotional

Of Terrapins And Truth

By Bob Maddux, Pastor, Pelahatchie
Psalm 27:5; Colossians 3:3

Our seven-year-old son captured seven tortoises or box turtles last spring during their annual "roadcrossing migration." Throughout the summer they have been a source of enjoyment and a learning experience for Robby and his two younger sisters. They will soon begin their winter hibernation, just like some Christians who seemingly have an extended "lay-by" season.

God in His marvelous providence has provided protection for all His creatures. Robby's box turtles are almost perfectly camouflaged in their natural habitat, difficult to detect in fallen leaves or partially burrowed under pine needles. Their remarkable arched shell has rounded corners that enable it to roll when hit instead of becoming lodged in some crack. When danger threatens, the turtle can simply pull its head and legs completely under the shell and wait it out secure in the knowledge that its natural enemies cannot crush its armorplate shell.

God has promised and provided protection of His human children also in a thousand different ways but supremely and sufficiently in the Person of the Holy Spirit. Whether we struggle with natural enemies, including our own selves, or our supernatural enemies, the devil and his demons, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1).

God's irrevocable promise to members of His family of faith is that He will never, never, never forsake us nor leave us! He will supply our every need. God not only cares for his children, He foresees and seeks to prevent mistakes and misfortune. Thus His warnings are counsels of love rather than boastful threats. Directions are meant to be followed else why bother? When we follow His directions, trust and obey, He always provides a way of escape, regardless of the temptation or the situation. The Lord knows the way through the wilderness; all we have to do is follow by faith. Like the turtle, sometimes slowly, but always steadily.



Fifty Years A Tenor In The Choir

Horace Dean, a member of the Sanctuary Choir of First Church, Leland, Mississippi, was recently honored with a special certificate for 50 years of service as a tenor in the choir. Mr. Dean is pictured with James Richardson (center), the pastor, and Tommy Howard (right), minister of music, making the presentation.



48, 38, 35 Years

Newton Salutes Long-Time Teachers

Sunday, September 23, was Teacher Appreciation Day at First Church, Newton. A special part of the activities was the recognition of Sunday School workers who had served for ten or more consecutive years. Thirty such workers were presented with specially printed and framed Certificates of Appreciation. Shown are Sam Waggoner, Sunday School director; Mrs. Roy Baker who was recognized for 48 years of consecutive service; E. L. Morgan, 38 years of service; Mrs. John T. Thrash, 35 years of service; and pastor Hardy R. Denham, Jr.



Macedonia Breaks Ground The Old-Fashioned Way

Leaders donned old-fashioned overalls to break ground for Macedonia's new education building. The Lebanon Association church is five miles east of Petal. Handling the plowstock is Pastor Richard White. Supplying horsepower are Building Committee members, from left:

Hugh Lee, Tommy Morris, Ernest Bullock, Darryl Shelton, chairman, and Robert Bolling. Members of the congregations are in the background. The \$40,000 building will have a children's assembly, and rooms for youth, children, preschoolers, toddlers, and babies.

Religious Hospital Group Seeks New Phase IV Rules

WASHINGTON (BP) — A spokesman of the American Protestant Hospital Association charged here that the community hospital system is "in jeopardy of being dismantled by the administration of the Economic Stabilization Act."

"Existing price stabilization regulations are rapidly sapping the strength of America's hospitals," said Rush Jordan, chairman of the APHA committee on government relations and president of both the Alabama Hospital Association and the Birmingham Baptist Medical Centers.

Jordan and representatives of the American Hospital Association met here with John D. Twinn, administrator of the Office of Health of the Cost of Living Council to present to APHA's proposed Phase IV regulations for hospitals.

"Existing regulations on wages and prices cause hospitals to lose employees to industry, make it difficult to hire competent replacements and penalize those dedicated em-

ployees who remain," the Baptist hospital executive said.

Jordan charged that regulations which allow those who sell food, blood, oxygen, medical supplies and drugs to increase their prices to hospitals while hospitals cannot pass on such increases, force hospitals to consider purchasing less of the vitally needed supplies or to cut back in their services.

He said interpretation of existing regulations has also forced community hospitals to spend endowments and other funds accumulated to provide

improved hospital services to communities.

In listing three APHA proposals, Jordan said, "The regulations we have proposed to the Cost of Living Council still subject hospitals to more stringent controls than the rest of the economy. However, they recognize the essential fairness of permitting hospitals to pass on certain costs over which hospitals have no control."

The proposed legislation would:

1. Allow hospitals to pass on costs increased by government mandate, such as increased social security cost, insurance and public utility rates and increases in the minimum wage.
2. Allow hospitals to compete with the rest of the labor force and treat their employees the same as all other

ers in receiving wage increases under the general guidelines of the Cost of Living Council.

3. Allow hospitals to reflect increased prices in goods necessary to protect patients health and safety, such as in raw food, blood, oxygen, medical and surgical supplies and drugs.

"All other hospital costs would be strictly controlled at a two per cent per year increase," Jordan said.

Sectarian College

Grants Barred

In Virginia

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Loans only, but not grants, may be made available to students at sectarian colleges in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a result of a decision of the Supreme Court there.

A lawsuit had been brought by the Attorney General against the Comptroller who had refused payments provided by a new statute, questioning its constitutionality under Virginia law. The Comptroller was joined by Americans United in an amicus brief.

Frivolous methods of repaying the loans, such as residence in the state or simply passing courses at a college, were ruled improper. Repayment must be in money or by such service to the state as teaching in a public school.

Student grants are to be limited strictly to public and non-sectarian private schools and may not go to students in sectarian schools. Schools recognizing sectarian "in admission policies, curricula, student activities, and faculty appointments" are barred from participating in the benefits.

Forest Hill Honors Pastor And Wife On Their Silver Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur M. Irwin were honored recently on their silver wedding anniversary with a reception in the fellowship hall of Forest Hill Church, Jackson, given by the deacons of the church and their wives.

The couple were united in marriage on Sept. 25, 1948, in Parkway Church, Jackson, with Dr. G. Norman Price officiating. Mrs. Irwin is the former Evelyn Strickland, daughter of the

Pass Road Calls Pastor

Rev. A. M. Moore III has recently resigned as pastor of Tillatoba Church to accept the pastorate of Pass Road Church, Gulfport.

Graduate of Delta State College, he has done graduate work at Ole Miss and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife Martha are the parents of two daughters, Pam 4 and Tracy 4 months.

Mr. Moore served the Tillatoba Church for five years. During this time the church built a new sanctuary and pastorial, and is now completing a new educational building. There have been over 150 additions, with 90 by baptism. Annual receipts have more than tripled.

In addition to serving as pastor, Mr. Moore has taught in three schools in Yalobusha County. He worked for 4½ years as teacher, coach, or principal.

Forest Hill Honors Pastor And Wife

late Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Strickland of Port Gibson. They are the parents of three children, Carol, David and Rachel.

Following his graduation from New Orleans Seminary, Mr. Irwin served as pastor of Pocahontas Church. He became pastor of Forest Hill in 1966. The three-tiered cake was accented with roses and topped with a twenty-five emblem and silver wedding bells.

Baptist Bible Institute Reports Record Enrollment

GRACEVILLE, Fla. — Baptist Bible Institute began classes Monday, September 10, with 410 students, fifteen above last years record enrollment of 395.

"We expect around ten more this week," Dean Walter D. Draughon, Jr., said. "We are already over the 400 allowed us by the Florida Baptist Convention, but normal withdrawals should put us within our limit some time during the first semester."

There might have been more. Late applications were pouring in until the recent jump in living costs. The dean believes that this may have scared off some who would have been here.

So far there has been no official count of states represented, but the dean predicts 35 for the year, two over the 33 states students came from in 1972-73.

One man is here from Cayman Brac Island, a British territory south of Cuba. His pastor there is Lee King of Pensacola, a 1966 BBI graduate.

Just about the time we think we can make both ends meet, somebody moves the ends.

Eastside, Magee To Celebrate 15th Anniversary

The members of the Eastside Church, Magee, will celebrate their Fifteenth Anniversary, Sunday, October 14. The church was organized on October 10, 1958, under the leadership for the late Rev. John N. Gipson. There are now 284 resident members.

Rev. Harry Gipson, son of the late Mr. Gipson, will preach the anniversary sermon. All the former pastors: Rev. E. A. Hester, Roxie Church; Rev. L. D. Hurr of Fort Worth, Tex.; and Rev. L. C. Newell, Jr., First Church, New Augusta, will be a part of the programs in morning and afternoon.

There will be dinner on the ground and all former members and friends of the Eastside Church are invited. Rev. Caley R. Nichols is the pastor.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Just as some members of the medical, educational and business professions are encouraged to go back to school periodically to refresh their expertise, graduates of the Baptist Theological Institute of Honduras had a similar opportunity recently during the school's first week-long post-graduate course here. Fifteen former institute students, most of whom are now pastors, and seven missionaries attended the course which included an in-depth study of the New Testament book of Romans, led by Charles A. Allen Jr., missionary professor of Greek and New Testament at the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Cal, Colombia.

Corry Takes Position With White Sands

Rev. Robert Steven Corry, a first-year theology student at New Orleans Seminary from Birmingham, has assumed responsibilities as pastor of White Sands Church near Poplarville.



A graduate of Livingston, Ala. University, Corry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Corry of Birmingham.

He has previously served as pastor of Lizman and Concord Churches in Choctaw County, Ala., and as assistant pastor of South Park Church in Birmingham.

Corry, who manages the textbook division of the Baptist Book Store on the seminary campus, is married to the former Jan Northcutt. They have three sons, Michael, David, and Paul. Mrs. Corry is a secretary for the division of church music on the seminary campus.

There are a number of other qualified students at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary who are available for positions as pastors or staff members. These people may be contacted through the office of Mr. Robert May, Church Work Consultant, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126.

If you're going to pull decisions out of a hat, be sure you are wearing the right hat.



First, Grenada, Hosts "Restore Gulfshore" Dinner

"Restore Gulfshore" was the theme of a dinner meeting at First Church, Grenada on September 24. Pastors, treasurers, chairmen of deacons, and chairmen of budget-finance committees from all over Grenada County were invited. Dr. John Lee Taylor, pictured above, center, pastor of First, Grenada and the Grenada chairman, explained the campaign to restore the assembly. Those who had attended Gulfshore were recognized and given a chance to reminisce about experiences there. Rev. Finley Evans, Grenada County director of missions, brought the closing message. Dr. Taylor reports, "We are moving toward October 21 and 100% response from all the churches in this association."

Francis Martin Named Editor Of The Deacon

NASHVILLE (BP) — Francis A. Martin, recent doctoral graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has been named editor of The Deacon magazine, quarterly publication of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Martin will succeed George Knight who recently became editor of the board's Home Life magazine. Martin will also edit pastoral ministries products as they relate to the board's deacon ministry and will be responsible for the board's Summer Youth Program materials.

"It is exciting to see how deacons respond to suggestions about their work as members of the church's pastoral ministries team," said Ernest Mosley, church ministries section supervisor of the board's church administration department. "The rate of increase in the number of deacon retreats and conferences conducted by Baptist associations has exceeded our expectations. Deacons have responded in the same way to the materials now being produced for them," he said.

Mindanao, Philippines — The Mindanao Baptist Convention, which includes churches on Mindanao, the Philippines second largest island, and on the central and southern Philippine islands, adopted a record budget of 10,000 pesos (\$1,500) at their annual meeting recently.

Off The Record

First Irishman: "And how is your lovely wife?"

Second: "Virry sick."

First: "Dangerous?"

Second: "No, she's far too weak to be dangerous any more."

—DAN CARLINSKY.

"The Wit of the Irish."

Modern Maturity

"Our minister is worried sick about the value of the dollar. He's beginning to see them in collection plates."

—Bob Orben

A colleague complains about having his increasing age brought home to him forcibly by his four-year-old daughter. She has just asked him: "Daddy, who were the Beatles?"

—Daily Express

An Irish beggar was sitting on the sidewalk expounding in a most eloquent manner. A well-dressed couple walked by. "May that blessin' of the Lord which brings love and joy and prosperity and all manner of happiness follow you for all the days of your lives," said the beggar. The couple walked on without a pause and the beggar yelled after them: "An' never overtake you!"

Miniskirts point out the fact that although beautiful legs are usually without equal, bowlegs are always without parallel.

Revival Results

First, New Augusta: September 23-30; five professions of faith; one by letter; one by statement; 35 rededications; Jerry Mixon, evangelist; Donald Moore, singer; Rev. Luther C. Newell, Jr., pastor.

Revival Dates

Bay Vista, Biloxi: October 8-14; Rev. J. Roy McComb, pastor, First, Sardis, evangelist; Graham Smith, minister of music at First, Pascagoula, singer; services at noon and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. on Saturday, and on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor.